

PROCLAMATION

MID-AUTUMN CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL DAY

OCTOBER 1, 2017

WHEREAS, The Mid-Autumn Children's Festival, which is also known as Tet Trung Thu, dates back as far as 15,000-20,000 years ago in Southeast Asia, and is traditionally held on the 15th day of the 8th Lunar month when the moon is at its fullest and brightest of the year; and

WHEREAS, On this day, filled with joy and happiness, everyone gathers together to celebrate by eating moon cakes and appreciating the spectacular beauty of the full moon; and

WHEREAS, In Vietnam, the Mid-Autumn Festival ranks as one of Vietnam's top 3 lantern festivals, bringing great pleasure to children and families who decorate and play with the lanterns, making it the perfect pastime during this family-based holiday; and

WHEREAS, Today, the Mid-Autumn Children's Festival, as well as encouraging affection for children, promotes education, poetry, dance, and arts and crafts. Parents can help children make their lanterns and costumes for the lantern procession and discuss the history and culture of Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, Many Vietnamese communities in the United States hold Mid-Autumn Children's Festivals, including Garden Grove. It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate traditions and show love for our children; and

WHEREAS, The City of Garden Grove joins with many other cities in recognizing October 1, 2017 as Mid-Autumn Children's Festival Day by holding an event at Atlantis Play Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Garden Grove City Council does hereby proclaim October 1, 2017 as "Mid-Autumn Children's Festival Day" in the City of Garden Grove, and encourages all residents to participate and share quality family time.

September 26, 2017