

PROCLAMATION

60th Anniversary of the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival

WHEREAS, In 1958, the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce began the first Garden Grove Strawberry Festival in an effort to enhance the relationship between the east and west sides of the community; deepen hometown pride; and celebrate the agricultural history of the city by highlighting Garden Grove’s rich strawberry fields;

WHEREAS, Succeeding in reinvigorating hometown spirit in its citizens, the following year, the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival was hosted by a non-profit organization, the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association, made up of residents dedicated towards creating a positive change in the community through charitable donations and funding;

WHEREAS, The Garden Grove Strawberry Festival has given over \$6.5 million for neighborhood charities and organizations. Locally, some of the beneficiaries have been the Boys and Girls Clubs of Garden Grove; scholarships to local students of the Garden Grove Unified School District; funding for services for victims of domestic violence and the homeless; and donations towards projects and developments that directly benefit and improve the quality-of-life in the community;

WHEREAS, Held during the Memorial Day weekend, the Strawberry Festival attracts over 300,000 visitors to Garden Grove’s downtown area, showcasing its new developments, businesses, and attractions, as well as its strong cultural heritage and diversity; and

WHEREAS, This year marks the 60th anniversary of the Strawberry Festival, Garden Grove’s most well-known event and the second largest community festival in the western United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Garden Grove does hereby proclaim this year as the 60th anniversary of the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival, and commends the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association for their dedicated and long-standing efforts to raise funds for local charities.

May 8, 2018

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