

PROCLAMATION

HONORING HIS HOLINESS THE 14TH DALAI LAMA ON HIS 84TH BIRTHDAY

WHEREAS, This year marks the 84th birthday of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso, the spiritual and temporal leader of the Tibetan people; and

WHEREAS, Born as Lhamo Dhondrup, on July 6, 1935, in Taktser, China, His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama was discovered as the reincarnate of the 13th Dalai Lama, Thupten Gyatso, at the age of two, by faithful Tibetan followers; and

WHEREAS, In 1940, after careful evaluation and observation by oracles and esteemed lamas, it was officially proclaimed that Lhamo Dhondrup was the true reincarnate, and was ceremoniously renamed Tenzin Gyatso, the 14th Dalai Lama; and

WHEREAS, Through a lifetime of learning Tibetan art and culture, Sanskrit, medicine, and Buddhist philosophy, His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama has humbly worked towards inspiring compassion, truth, justice, peace, and freedom, and continues to reinforce the principles of equity and fairness for all man-kind; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, the City of Garden Grove pledged to practice the same principles of compassion, creating an atmosphere that further promotes the community's ability to share harmony and respect with neighboring cities, regionally and globally; and

WHEREAS, On July 6, 2015, the Garden Grove City Council proclaimed Garden Grove as a City of Compassion, preceding His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama's inaugural visit to Garden Grove on July 7, 2015; and

WHEREAS, As a City of Compassion that is rich in cultural heritage, faith, diversity, and the desire to share and celebrate individual customs, traditions, and beliefs, Garden Grove recognizes His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama as a spiritual master and patron of compassion, and joins the global community in honoring and celebrating his 84th birthday.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Garden Grove does hereby celebrate July 6, 2019, the 84th birthday of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama.

July 9, 2019

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