

PROCLAMATION

ACACIA ADULT DAY SERVICES 40TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, In 1976, Dr. Miles Aker, a minister from the local United Methodist Church, brought the concept of adult day services from his travels to Hawaii, to a small group from his church looking for ways to expand the continuum of care, services, and resources for seniors while remaining with their families in their community;

WHEREAS, the group proposed opening a community adult day care program to the City of Garden Grove, who in turn, obtained funding for the pilot program through a grant from the Office of Aging;

WHEREAS, on September 17, 1979, the Garden Grove Adult Day Care Center opened its doors at the United Methodist Church on Main Street, with eight participants; founding members Mallory Vega, Acacia Executive Director and Vice President of Direct Care Services, AOC, and Julie Duarte, Program Director, have remained with the center since its inception;

WHEREAS, in 1997, the center moved to its current location on Acacia Parkway, and re-named Acacia Adult Day Services; in 2007, Acacia merged with Alzheimer's OC to further expand the services to Garden Grove and surrounding communities in Central and North Orange County;

WHEREAS, today, Acacia Adult Day Services, a CalOptima PACE Alternate Care Site, serves the medical and social needs of over 100 participants experiencing physical disabilities, cognitive disabilities, chronic health conditions, or life-long physical impairments, with services that enhance daily life for both participants and caregivers; and

WHEREAS, over its 40-year history, Acacia Adult Day Services has received numerous accolades, essential grant awards, and developed collaborative partnerships with organizations such as the OCTA and SCAN, and continues to be a deeply-trusted and esteemed member of the Garden Grove community that has diligently ensured the crucial well-being of our growing older-adult population for four decades.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the City of Garden Grove City Council does hereby celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Acacia Adult Day Services, offering our highest appreciation and congratulations for 40 years of exceptional service to our community.

September 24, 2019

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