

Proclamation

**OCTOBER 2019 ENERGY AWARENESS MONTH
OCTOBER 30, 2019 WEATHERIZATION DAY**

- WHEREAS, The Community Action Partnership of Orange County (CAP OC) has been weatherizing homes and providing utility assistance for residents in the city of Garden Grove for more than 40 years. Of the energy funds allocated to the 34 cities in Orange County, CAP OC has invested 12% into Garden Grove from 2014-2018, providing an economic boost for low-income individuals through lower energy costs and reduced or eliminated late fees, thus assuring less dependency on public assistance; and
- WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) reduces energy costs by 30 percent on average, saving families at least \$238 per year. Therefore, more household money is made available for other necessities such as groceries, doctor bills, and other needs, thereby making them more self-sufficient; and
- WHEREAS, From 2014-2018, CAP OC has issued \$1,589,602 in utility assistance for 4,635 homes in Garden Grove, as well as underwritten \$419,231 in weatherization services, making improvements to 244 dwellings. The average job total per dwelling was \$1,718; and
- WHEREAS, In this time period, CAP OC has assisted residents in Garden Grove that included 34 disabled persons, 151 seniors, and 67 children under age 5; and
- WHEREAS, In 2019, CAP OC is projected to weatherize a total of 330 homes in Orange County and invest a total of \$1.8 million into those services; and
- WHEREAS, Using federal, state, local, and private dollars, the WAP contributes to the improvements and progress of communities by eliminating carbon emissions, stimulating local economies, creating jobs, improving health, and stabilizing neighborhoods.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Garden Grove City Council, do hereby proclaim October 2019 as Energy Awareness Month and October 30, 2019 as Weatherization Day in the City of Garden Grove.

October 22, 2019

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