

PROCLAMATION

Memorializing those impacted by and lost to the COVID-19 virus

WHEREAS, The first Monday in March is an appropriate day to be recognized as COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a novel coronavirus, is a deadly illness caused by a virus that can transmit from person to person; and

WHEREAS, In 2020, COVID-19 began to spread throughout the world, creating a global pandemic that has had a catastrophic impact on human life, our communities, and our economy; and

WHEREAS, In March 2020, communities in every State began to experience increased loss of life, and families lost fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, and neighbors from the virus; and

WHEREAS, Beginning in 2020, many across the United States were and continue to be personally impacted by COVID- 19 including mourning their loved ones and neighbors or suffering from the unknown long-term health implications of the virus; and

WHEREAS, By the end of February 2021, more than 500,000 people in the United States tragically lost their lives; and

WHEREAS, Public servants, frontline and essential workers, and health care professionals took selfless actions to protect their neighbors and communities, support struggling local economies, and find innovative ways to provide services; and

WHEREAS, Each life lost to COVID-19 and each sacrifice made shall never be forgotten.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Garden Grove, California does hereby proclaim the first Monday in March as COVID -19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day in Garden Grove.

March 9, 2021