

Proclamation

Recognizing the 40th Annual UVSA Tet Festival

WHEREAS, Tết, short for Tết Nguyên Đán, is the Vietnamese Lunar New Year, the most important holiday in Vietnamese culture;

WHEREAS, Tết celebrates the arrival of a new spring where families reunite, enjoy each other's company, forget about the troubles of the previous year and look forward to a better upcoming year;

WHEREAS, The Tết Festival of Southern California (Hoi Tet Sinh Vien) is recognized as the nation's largest Vietnamese Lunar New Year Festival;

WHEREAS, Since 1982, the first UVSA Tết Festival started in Garden Grove;

WHEREAS, Since then, the Festival has significantly grown and improved in many areas, including better display of the Vietnamese culture and traditions, more collaboration with the local community organizations and increased attendance of over 100,000 visitors;

WHEREAS, The UVSA Tết Festival was located in Garden Grove until 2013 and its current home is OC Fair and Event Center in Costa Mesa;

WHEREAS, No matter where the location, the UVSA's vision to hosting the Tết Festival stays true, to create an avenue for everyone to have a better understanding of the Vietnamese culture in many ways: vibrant arrays of traditional food, traditional performance and entertainment, and cultural exhibitions;

WHEREAS, This year, UVSA welcomes everyone to celebrate Tết at their 40th Annual UVSA Tết Festival on February 5-6, 2022, at the Orange County Fair and Event Center in Costa Mesa.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Garden Grove City Council does hereby recognize and congratulate the UVSA on their special 40th Annual Tết Festival milestone, and also commends UVSA's members who have awarded over \$1,500,000 of festival proceeds as community grants to non-profit organizations across Southern California, including Garden Grove, over the past 15 years.