

Proclamation

For Damien Lorton

Named Garden Grove Citizen of the Year

By the Cypress College 2020 Americana Foundation

WHEREAS, Damien Lorton's meaningful work in the community has earned him the prestigious title of Garden Grove Citizen of the Year from the Cypress College 2020 Americana Awards; and

WHEREAS, Damien found his passion for music at a very early age and is now an actor, singer, director, producer, and instructor, traveling throughout the United States, Europe, and Canada; and

WHEREAS, Damien and Nicole Cassesso co-founded One More Productions to create and produce quality theater at a professional level and at an affordable cost to make the arts accessible for everyone in the community; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, One More Productions moved to Garden Grove and made the historic GEM Theater its permanent home. To date, Damien has produced and directed over 80 fully-staged plays, new works, musicals, fundraisers, and events, and raised over \$200,000 for non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, Damien has been honored with the St. James Family Honors Award, Paul Harris Fellow Award, Los Angeles Times Man of the Year Award, and 101 Most Influential People by the Daily Pilot; and

WHEREAS, Damien's humanitarian, philanthropic, and partnership efforts with the community and the City of Garden Grove goes beyond words and is further exemplified by his selection as the Cypress College 2020 Americana Awards' Garden Grove Citizen of the Year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the City of Garden Grove does hereby commend the achievements of Damien Lorton, and his meritorious recognition as the recipient of the Cypress College 2020 Americana Awards' Garden Grove Citizen of the Year.

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