

Proclamation

Arlene Martin and Howard Whittaker
2023 Strawberry Ball King and Queen
Senior Volunteer Man and Woman of the Year

WHEREAS, The H. Louis Lake Senior Center named Arlene Martin and Howard Whittaker as the 2023 Garden Grove Strawberry Ball King and Queen, and Senior Volunteer Man and Woman of the Year for their spirit of service; and

WHEREAS, Arlene Martin was born in Fremont, Ohio, and has been a resident of Garden Grove for 48 years. After retiring as a mail carrier, Arlene has dedicated her time to volunteer and help the Garden Grove community; and

WHEREAS, Arlene has been a member of the Assistance League of Garden Grove for many years and currently holds a position as assistant treasurer. She is also a member of the Garden Grove Emblem Club #279; and

WHEREAS, Howard Whittaker, originally from Saskatchewan, Canada, has been a resident of Garden Grove for 70 years. He is a former U.S. Marine and served as a member of the City's Traffic Commission and Planning Commission in the 1970's. He is also a businessman, who once owned and operated an automotive business in Garden Grove for 35 years; and

WHEREAS, Howard spends his free time volunteering and providing service to his community. He has been a member of the Garden Grove Elks Lodge #1952 for over 64 years, where he received the Blake Barregar Award, Elk of the Month Award, Fred Morrison Award, and the Grand Exalted Ruler Award; and

WHEREAS, Arlene Martin and Howard Whittaker's service to the City and community of Garden Grove goes beyond words, and is further exemplified by their selection as the 2023 Garden Grove Strawberry Ball King and Queen, and Senior Volunteer Man and Woman of the Year.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Garden Grove City Council do hereby proclaim and honor Arlene Martin and Howard Whittaker as the 2023 Garden Grove Strawberry Ball King and Queen, and Senior Volunteer Man and Woman of the Year.

June 27, 2023