

## Proclamation

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the City of Anyang, Republic of Korea

WHEREAS, Anyang, Republic of Korea, located in the Gyeonggi Province, was granted city status in 1973. The name dates back to the year 900 when a descendent of the First Emperor of the Goryeo Dynasty built a temple and named it Anyang, a Buddhist term signifying a heavenly land where unimaginable joy and freedom overflow; and

WHEREAS, Anyang has grown to become the ninth most populated and the 20<sup>th</sup> largest city in the country. Anyang is also the largest industrial satellite of the capital of Seoul; and

WHEREAS, The City motto of Anyang is "Livable City, Proud Citizens," and its meaningful symbol recalls the values of peace, pureness, cohesion of its citizens, scientific development, the environment, and modernity. The City symbols are Podong-i (grape), Forsythia (flower), Ginkgo (tree), and eagle; and

WHEREAS, Anyang began a friendship with Garden Grove as sister cities in 1989. Built on mutual respect and admiration of their respective cultures, the two cities started a student exchange program in 1991, through the Sister City Association of Garden Grove, for high school students to travel to their sister city to experience hospitality, culture, and visits to local sites; and

WHEREAS, In 2019, as part of an Anyang delegation visit to Garden Grove, both cities commemorated the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sister city relationship with the signing of a reaffirmation by Garden Grove Mayor Steve Jones and Anyang Mayor Choi Dae-ho; and

WHEREAS, In September of this year, at the request of Anyang, a delegation from Garden Grove will be traveling to Anyang to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the City of Anyang, share administrative practices, and to promote tourism, prosperity, and cooperation between the two cities.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Garden Grove City Council, do hereby proclaim the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of City of Anyang, Republic of Korea. Garden Grove reveres the culture, rich history, and traditions of our sister city and is honored to receive their continued goodwill.

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