

PROCLAMATION

December 10, 2023 as Human Rights Day in Garden Grove

WHEREAS, on December 10, 1948, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted the first Universal Declaration of Human rights, proclaiming that "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights";

WHEREAS, since this historic declaration 74 years ago, December 10 has been recognized internationally as Human Rights Day;

WHEREAS, in 2023, Human Rights Day is focusing on "Consolidating and Sustaining Human Rights Culture into the Future";

WHEREAS, the Universal Declaration asserts that recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice, and peace;

WHEREAS, disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in acts which have outraged the conscience of humankind;

WHEREAS, a world in which human beings shall enjoy freedom of speech and belief and freedom from fear and want has been proclaimed as the highest aspiration of the common people;

WHEREAS, the Universal Declaration is referred to as the authoritative definition of human rights standards and increasingly referred to as customary international law, which all countries must abide;

WHEREAS, the primary responsibility to promote respect for these rights and freedoms lies with each individual and each of us can play a major role in enhancing human rights; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garden Grove, reaffirms its faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of every human person, in the global right to safe migration for all immigrants and refugees, in the equal rights of men and women, and has determined to promote social progress and better standards of human life.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the City of Garden Grove declares December 10, 2023, to be Human Rights Day in Garden Grove, and encourages all citizens to continue a commitment to upholding freedom, democracy and human rights in our community and around the globe.

November 28, 2023