

1 [Establishing the Calendar Date of December 10 as Human Rights Day]

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3 **Resolution establishing the calendar date of December 10 to be forever known as**  
4 **Human Rights Day in the City and County of San Francisco to celebrate the important**  
5 **passage of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.**

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7 WHEREAS, On December 10, 1948, the General Assembly of the United Nations  
8 unanimously approved the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; and

9 WHEREAS, The United Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), spearheaded by  
10 Eleanor Roosevelt through her work as the first U.S. delegate on the UN Commission on  
11 Human Rights, was the first international proclamation of the inherent dignity and equal rights  
12 of all people; and

13 WHEREAS, The fundamental assertion of the UDHR is that an individual's mind and  
14 conscience are sacred and unfringeable possessions, that pressure from any state, church,  
15 or other group aimed at coercing consent is unacceptable, and that the individual's freedom of  
16 conscience reigns supreme; and

17 WHEREAS, The UDHR recognizes the inherent dignity and inalienable rights of all  
18 members of the human family as the foundation of freedom, justice, and peace in the world;  
19 and,

20 WHEREAS, On the occasion of the United Nations' meeting in host-city San Francisco,  
21 the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in April 1998 proclaimed San Francisco a Human  
22 Rights City and adopted the UDHR and the International Covenant on Economic, Cultural and  
23 Social Rights; and

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1           WHEREAS, Nelson Mandela stated on the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UDHR, “It is the  
2 foundation stone of all international human rights law and still holds enormous ethical value  
3 for all of us wherever in the world we happen to live”; now, therefore be it

4           RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco celebrate the Universal  
5 Declaration of Human Rights annually on December 10, 2014, and every year thereafter, by  
6 declaring December 10<sup>th</sup> as Human Rights Day.

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