



# CITY OF EVANSVILLE

## PROCLAMATION

**Whereas**

the General Assembly of the United Nations approved the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on December 10, 1948, declaring 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 in the world;" and

*WHEREAS,*

the United States played a pivotal role in the creation of the Universal Declaration; and

*WHEREAS,*

a recommitment by the United States to the principles and ideals of the Universal Declaration is essential for its promise to ensure equality and justice for all at home; and

*WHEREAS,*

the basic human rights addressed in the Universal Declaration include economic, social and cultural rights, as well as civil and political rights, all considered to be equally important in fostering human dignity and freedom; and

*WHEREAS,*

the Universal Declaration calls for all people and governments to promote and respect the rights that it recognizes, and provides a standard of achievement for governments throughout the world; and

*WHEREAS,*

each year on December 10th, the international community commemorates this event and recommits itself to the broader achievement of human rights and lowering barriers to full public participation; and

*WHEREAS,*

the City of Evansville and the Human Relations Commission are proud of their commitment to guarantee civil and human rights for all its residents; and

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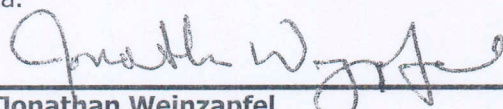
numerous education, civic, religious, and non-profit organizations including the USI Center for Social Justice, Advisory Board on Disability Services, Evansville Commission on the Social Status of African American Males, Commission on Homelessness in Vanderburgh County, and others work to ensure equal rights and protections for all residents.

*THEREFORE,*

I, Jonathan Weinzapfel, Mayor of City of Evansville, do hereby proclaim December 10, 2009, as

**"HUMAN RIGHTS DAY"**

in the City of Evansville, Indiana.

  
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**Jonathan Weinzapfel**  
Mayor

