

## “HUMAN RIGHTS DAY” IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

WHEREAS, on December 10, 1948, the General Assembly of the United Nations approved the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 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 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 at all levels to promote and respect the human rights it recognizes, and provides a standard of achievement for governments, communities, organizations and people of all kind throughout the world and 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, each individual in Los Angeles County has the responsibility to promote respect for these rights and freedoms, and each of us can play a role in assuring human rights and Los Angeles County government and its Commission on Human Relations in particular, along with numerous community, civic, religious and non-profit organizations, have a commitment to ensure equal rights and protections for all residents, and is proud of efforts such as the Commission's hate violence prevention and youth human relations programs which promote respect for the basic human rights of all; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations voted unanimously on November 2, 2009 to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that it proclaim "Human Rights Day" this year and embraces this global challenge to improve the human condition through education and innovation, and promoting human rights in our county, in the United States and around the globe as central to our purpose, our mission and our values;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HEREBY proclaim December 10, 2009, as "HUMAN RIGHTS DAY" in Los Angeles County, and pledge that county government will support the principles recognized in the Universal Declaration, and will encourage all county departments to inform their employees of this day and to take at least one action to support the principles recognized in the Universal Declaration; and encourage all county residents to work together in the coming year on ways that we can achieve greater progress in respecting, protecting, and fulfilling the full range of human rights contained in the Universal Declaration.