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January 19, 2010

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
City of Long Beach  
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution in support of Religious Freedom Day 2010 (Citywide).

DISCUSSION

Pursuant to your request at the January 5, 2010 City Council meeting, a resolution in support of Religious Freedom Day 2010 is submitted for your consideration.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT E. SHANNON, City Attorney

By

J. CHARLES PARKIN  
Principal Deputy

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1 RESOLUTION NO.

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH IN SUPPORT OF RELIGIOUS  
5 FREEDOM DAY 2010  
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7 WHEREAS, our nation's founders recognized the importance of religious  
8 freedom and secured this liberty in the words of the First Amendment, declaring that  
9 "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the  
10 free exercise thereof;" and

11 WHEREAS, the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom, our country's first  
12 legal safeguard for religious liberty, was adopted on January 16, 1786; and

13 WHEREAS, on January 16 of each year since 1994 the President of the  
14 United States has issued a Proclamation on the importance of religious liberty, which in  
15 1994 recognized "our government did not create this liberty, but it cannot be too vigilant  
16 in securing its blessings;" and

17 WHEREAS, the free exercise of religion has undergirded the social efforts  
18 of many Americans, notably Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., whose birthday on January 15 we  
19 commemorate each year; and

20 WHEREAS, the United Nation's Universal Declaration of Human Rights  
21 (Article 18) declares, "Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and  
22 religion" including the right "to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship  
23 and observance;" and

24 WHEREAS, religious freedom now faces challenges, persecution and  
25 coercion, violent and non-violent, both at home and around the world; and

26 WHEREAS, our country has embraced a tradition of religious liberty that  
27 has prevented religious domination, conflict and persecution and nurtured an  
28 environment where religion has flourished and where people have been left free to

1 choose which faith they shall follow or none at all;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as  
3 follows:

4 Section 1. The City Council of Long Beach, California, hereby declares  
5 January 16, 2010 to be "Religious Freedom Day" in our community.

6 Section 2. We encourage city government, community groups, schools  
7 and places of worship to reaffirm their devotion to the principles of religious freedom and  
8 educate and reflect on the importance of religious liberty so it may continue secure as  
9 part of our nation's fabric.

10 Section 3. We encourage citizens and government to be mindful of the  
11 principles of religious liberty in their decisions, attitudes and actions.

12 Section 4. On this day let us give thanks for this precious right that has  
13 so profoundly shaped and sustained our Nation, and let us strengthen our efforts to share  
14 its blessings with oppressed peoples everywhere.

15 Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption  
16 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Noes: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Absent: Councilmembers: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

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