

RESOLUTION NO. 126-09

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AS GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND DECLARING THE CITY OF RICHMOND TO BE A HUMAN RIGHTS CITY

WHEREAS, Richmond is a city that takes great pride in the diversity of its citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Richmond promotes an engaged citizenry, prioritizing human rights and the dignity of all; and

WHEREAS, Richmond is committed to the fostering of mutual understanding, promoting inclusiveness, justice and equality; and

WHEREAS, Richmond aspires to be a global leader among cities in advancing human rights and human dignity; and

WHEREAS, the Human Relations and Human Rights Commission of the City of Richmond has petitioned the City Council to adopt the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, promulgated by the United Nations General Assembly on December 10, 1948 and signed and agreed to by all countries, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Richmond acknowledges that certain language set forth in the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights may be updated as follows:

- a. The preamble, in paragraph two, should make reference to “humankind” rather than “mankind”;
- b. Article 2 should contain the statuses of ethnicity, sexual orientation and gender identity or gender expression;
- c. Article 16(1) should make reference to “people” rather than “men and women”;
- d. Throughout the document, any reference to “his,” “him” or “himself” should be stated “them” or “themselves” in order to be gender inclusive; and

WHEREAS, the principles set forth in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (*updated as above*) will guide the spirit of the laws, practices, and policies carried out with and on behalf of the residents of Richmond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Richmond hereby adopts the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as guiding principles.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Richmond declares itself a Human Rights City, explicitly embracing the principles of equality, inclusion, social pluralism, and the recognition of human dignity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council directs the City Manager to send copies of this resolution to the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and to the national and international offices of the Peoples Decade for Human Rights Education.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be posted on the City’s website.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof, held on November 3, 2009, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Butt, Rogers, Ritterman, Viramontes, Vice Mayor Lopez, and Mayor McLaughlin.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: Councilmember Bates.

DIANE HOLMES
Clerk of the City of Richmond

[SEAL]

Approved:

GAYLE MCLAUGHLIN
Mayor

Approved as to form:

RANDY RIDDLE
City Attorney

State of California }
County of Contra Costa } : ss.
City of Richmond }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of **Resolution No. 126-09**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on November 3, 2009.