



BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Human Rights Commission

Recommendation 20201116-002a: Designating December 10, 2020 as Human Rights Day in Austin, Texas

Whereas, Nelson Mandela said, “To deny people their human rights is to challenge their very humanity;” and

Whereas, more than 75,000,000 Americans chose a new direction for our country in our recent national election, one in which the issue of human rights will be given the emphasis it deserves; and

Whereas, our federal government cannot locate the parents of over 500 immigrant children because of horrendous policies put into place by the current Administration; and

Whereas, poverty, slavery, torture, and human trafficking are still in existence; and

Whereas, Human Rights Day is the day in 1948 the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; and

Whereas, the formal inception of Human Rights Day dates from 1950, after the U.N. Assembly passed resolution 423(V) inviting all nations and interested organizations to adopt December 10 of each year as Human Rights Day;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Austin City Council proclaim December 10, 2020 as Human Rights Day in Austin, Texas.

Date of Approval: _____

Record of the vote:

Attest: _____