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To Honor and Recognize December 10, 2009 as Human Rights Day in Columbus, Ohio

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 has 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 at all levels 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 10, the international community commemorates this event and recommit itself to the broader achievement of human rights and lowering barriers to full public participation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus is proud of their commitment to guarantee civil and human rights for all its residents; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, the City of Columbus established the Columbus Community Relations Commission to help bring civic leaders, business leaders, citizens and elected officials together on issues of ethnic, racial and cultural diversity; and

WHEREAS, December 10, 2009, is the 61st anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

That this Council does hereby recognize December 10, 2009, as *Human Rights Day* in Columbus, Ohio and reaffirms its support of the work of the Columbus Community Relations Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

That we do hereby encourage all 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.