

PROCLAMATION

recognizing

International Human Rights Day

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 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 recommits itself to the broader achievement of human rights and lowering barriers to full public participation; and

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County and the Metropolitan Nashville Human Relations Commission are proud of their commitment to guarantee civil and human rights for all its residents; and

WHEREAS, Numerous community, civic, religious and non-profit organizations including the Nashville Conflict Resolution Center, Middle Tennessee Jobs with Justice, Metro Social Services, the Sudanese Community Center, the Interdenominational Ministers Fellowship, the Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition, the Church of Scientology, the Tennessee AFL-CIO, the Tennessee Human Rights Commission and others work to ensure equal rights and protections for all residents; and

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

I, Sam Coleman, Councilmember District 32 of the Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County Council, Tennessee do hereby proclaim December 10, 2009, as Human Rights Day in Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee.




Sam Coleman, Councilmember District 32