
WHEREAS, December 10, 2016 marks the 68th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

WHEREAS, On this day, citizens of the nation’s capital, led by individuals and organizations, reaffirm their commitment to human rights by recognizing the decision to make Washington, D.C. a Human Rights City;

WHEREAS, A Human Rights City is one whose residents and local authorities, through on-going discussions and creative exchanges of ideas, come to understand that human rights, when widely known as a way of life, assists in identifying the issues and informs the actions in our D.C. communities, for meaningful, positive economic and social change;

WHEREAS, Washington, D.C. will be reaffirmed as the first Human Rights City in the United States;

WHEREAS, As a Human Rights City, Washington, D.C. joined other human rights cities around the world where inhabitants have undertaken ongoing learning and claiming their human rights, bringing forth a viable vision and mission for the 21st Century;

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this resolution may be cited as the “Washington, D.C. Human Rights Day Reaffirmation Resolution of 2016.”