

Proclamation

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE OBJECTS TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES PERPETRATED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

WHEREAS, *the government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam has, throughout its history, abused its people and denied them basic human rights, including the rights to participate in their own governance, to own property, and to speak and worship freely; and,*

WHEREAS, *the government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam has recently carried out various territorial concessions with the Government of the People's Republic of China, without the knowledge or consent of the Vietnamese people; and,*

WHEREAS, *the government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam has arrested a number of Vietnamese citizens who inquired about the concessions and voiced their dissent, including Quang Chi Le, Binh Vu Nguyen, Son Hong Pham, Father Ly Van Nguyen and Buddhist clergyman, the Most Venerable Do Quang Thich; and,*

WHEREAS, *those arrested for protesting the concessions have been jailed indefinitely, denied due process of law through the use of unfair show trials, as shown most recently with the three-hour trial of Quang Chi Le, and may have been or may yet be subjected to secret execution;*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED *that the City Council of the City of Garden Grove objects in the strongest terms to the human rights abuses perpetrated by the government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, especially those most recently exemplified by the secret land concessions made to the People's Republic of China and the subsequent detention and persecution of those who dared to object to these concessions.*



A blue ink signature of Bruce A. Broadwater, written in a cursive style.

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Mayor of the City of Garden Grove

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