

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE RECOGNIZING THE YELLOW FLAG WITH THREE RED STRIPES AS THE OFFICIAL FLAG OF THE VIETNAMESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY

WHEREAS the current Government of Vietnam is a non-democratic, one party system of government without rule of law that arbitrarily infringes upon the basic human and civil liberties of its citizens; and

WHEREAS Vietnamese American were forced to flee Vietnam in fear of the Government of Vietnam's campaign of retribution and persecution after the Fall of Saigon in 1975; and

WHEREAS The city of Garden Grove is home to the largest number of Vietnamese Americans and residents of Vietnamese descent in Orange County and they have contributed to the business and commerce of the City of Garden Grove; and

WHEREAS the vast majority of Vietnamese Americans embrace the yellow flag with three red stripes as the symbol of the Vietnamese American community; and

WHEREAS the current Government of Vietnam continues to harass, interrogate and arrest individuals advocating democracy; and

WHEREAS the current Government of Vietnam has increased its human rights violations since the passage of the Bilateral Trade Agreement in 2000; and

WHEREAS Dating back to 1948 the yellow flag with three red stripes has a long history in Vietnam and is a broader symbol of resilience, freedom and democracy of and for the Vietnamese American community; and

WHEREAS Vietnamese Americans have shown their desire that the yellow flag with three stripes be recognized as the official flag of the Vietnamese American Community; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Garden Grove formally recognizes the yellow flag with three red stripes be recognized as the official flag of the Vietnamese American community, and that this flag may be displayed on any city owned property, at any city-controlled or sponsored Vietnamese American event, or any public function organized by the Vietnamese American community, subject to the permit requirement of the City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Garden Grove encourages county officials and state legislators to pass legislation recognizing the yellow flag with three red stripes as the official flag of the Vietnamese American community and encourages local school districts to adopt similar resolutions recognizing the yellow flag with three red stripes as the official flag to be displayed in the schools.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 11th day of March, 2003
Ayes (5/0): Bruce Broadwater, Van Thai Tran, Bill Dalton, Mark Leyes, Mark Rosen.