

RESOLUTION NO. 21-176

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, IN HONOR OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARTYRDOM OF DR. JOSE. P. RIZAL

WHEREAS, Dr. Jose P. Rizal fought for the liberation of the Filipino people under Spanish colonization through peaceful means rather than by violent revolution. He advocated for his people through the power of his pen, revealing and criticizing the atrocious conditions that his people endured and, as a result, was tried before the court martial for rebellion, sedition and conspiracy. He was convicted of all the charges and was executed by firing squad on December 30, 1886; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jose P. Rizal martyr death served as the catalyst that precipitated the full-blown revolution, escalating to a national uprising and leading to the proclamation of the first democratic republic in Asia; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Rizal's patriotism and his standing as one of Asia's first intellectuals have inspired others of the importance of a national identity. He was recognized by American Governor-General William Howard Taft as a national hero to inspire Filipinos to live up to his noble ideals. He was also recognized by Gandhi of India who regarded him as a forerunner in the cause of freedom and by Jawaharlal Nehru, the first prime minister of India who likewise acknowledged Rizal's significant contribution in Asia's freedom movement; and

WHEREAS, the Carson City Council recognizes Dr. Jose P. Rizal as a national hero and supports the ideals and noble principles he advocated. In December 2013, the Carson City Council established Resolution #13-121: A Resolution of the City Council of the City Of Carson, California, Establishing December 30 of each Year as Dr. Jose P. Rizal Day; and

WHEREAS, this City has created the Carson International Sculpture Garden primarily intended to become the home of monuments of heroes from different countries who contributed to the spread of democracy and freedom around the world; and

WHEREAS, in September 2012, a fifteen-foot monument of Dr. Jose P. Rizal sculpted by Philippine sculptor Torm de Leon Imao was unveiled and has been the first monument installed in the Carson International Sculpture Garden through the combined efforts of the Jose P. Rizal Monument Movement, the Alliance of various Filipino American Associations, the Philippine Consulate General in Los Angeles, the National Historical Commission of the Philippines with the approval of City Council; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF
CARSON, HEREBY HONOR DECEMBER 30, 2021 AS THE 125TH**

ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARTYRDOM OF DR. JOSE P. RIZAL AND DR. JOSE P. RIZAL DAY IN THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, U.S.A.

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PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 7th day of December, 2021.

ATTEST:

Joy Simarago, Deputy City Clerk

Mayor Lula Davis-Homes

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Sunny Soltani, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss.
CITY OF CARSON)

I, Joy Simarago, Chief Deputy City Clerk of the City of Carson, California, hereby attest to and certify that the foregoing resolution, being Resolution No. 21-176, adopted by the Carson City Council at its meeting held on December 7, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Joy Simarago, Deputy City Clerk