

RESOLUTION

OF THE GREATER GRIFFITH PARK NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Whereas, the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council has identified outreach to its community stakeholders as one of its current top objectives; and

Whereas, in connection with the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council's outreach efforts, conversations with members of various stakeholders of the community has generated the suggestion of the organization of a community candle lighting event at a prominent community location during the month of December; and

Whereas, it is generally well recognized that the kindling of lights plays an important part in many secular, religious and cultural traditions, festivals and ceremonies throughout the world during the winter months. Some modern and historical examples include, but are not limited to, the lighting of the Kinara by African American families during the modern holiday of Kwanzaa, the lighting of the Menorah by members of the Jewish faith, Christmas tree lightings and the illumination of one large candle on Candlemas Day in some Christian traditions, Imbolc or the placing of candles in every window of the home in pagan practices, the lighting of "Lucy candles" in the homes and "Lucy fires" outdoors on the Day of Lucia in Norway and Sweden, the placing of flickering oil lamps or "deeps" in windows during the Hindu festival of Diwali, community displays of oil lamps on chariot processions during the Buddhist observance of Tihar, and the ancient Norse tradition of lighting blazing bonfires during the Winter nights to beckon the sun to return; and

Whereas the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council recognizes that an ecumenical, high-profile, December community candle lighting event, in a prominent Greater Griffith Park neighborhood community location, conforming to the theme of lighting up the darkest month of the year, will satisfy outreach goals and bring community stakeholders together for a positive, community building, and unifying manner.

Now be it therefore RESOLVED that the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council fully supports the organization and implementation of a high-profile, December community candle lighting event, in a prominent community location, conforming to the theme of lighting up the darkest month of the year.

Be it further RESOLVED that the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council supports the authorization of pursuing steps reasonable and necessary for organizing and implementing said event.

Be if further RESOLVED that the Greater Griffith Park Neighborhood Council requests full cooperation and support from the City of Los Angeles and its City Council in connection with the organization and implementation of said event.

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