



RESOLUTION

The Bangkok Metropolitan Council

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, March 28, 2012, the Bangkok Metropolitan Council (BMC) made a courtesy call to the Los Angeles City Council in Council Chambers, and where it is appropriate at this time to recognize our 26 member counterpart in Bangkok, Thailand on the historic occasion of their visit to the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, The Los Angeles City Council extends a very warm welcome to all foreign dignitaries visiting us and sees this visit from the BMC as an important opportunity to establish mutually beneficial relations between the City of Los Angeles and the City of Bangkok and participate in exchanges that will foster greater understanding and appreciation of each other's cities, both of whose names mean the City of Angels, and are on the Pacific Rim, and known as being world class and dynamic cities and popular destinations for tourists from around the world; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 1999, the motion for the designation of Thai Town was unanimously passed by the Los Angeles City Council through the efforts of the Thai Community Development Center who involved members of the local Thai community; and

WHEREAS, Thai Town adds to Los Angeles' unique cultural landscape, the first municipally recognized Thai community in the United States, and Thai Town was formed with the hopes and goals of improving the east Hollywood area in which it is situated; and

WHEREAS, Thai Town will be a landmark that will bring neighborhood pride, multi-cultural exchange, and tourism to the area, and will empower residents through economic development and provide an opportunity for a greater community voice in Southern California; and

WHEREAS, the BMC delegation is visiting Los Angeles at this time to participate in and lend their support to the 9th Annual Thai New Year's Day Songkran Festival in Thai Town being held on April 1, 2012 organized by the Thai New Year's Day Songkran Festival Corporation, further promoting Thai Town through cultural tourism and heritage marketing; and

WHEREAS, the Songkran Festival closes 13 blocks of the famed Hollywood Boulevard offering a parade, tastes of Thai food, a Muay Thai kickboxing demonstration, water blessing ceremony, Thai traditional attire fashion show, Thai classical and folk dances, live contemporary music and entertainment by renowned Thai performers, a Singha Beer Garden, a Miss Thai New Year USA Pageant, fruit carving demonstrations, and free health screenings, attracting over 100,000 visitors to Thai Town; and

WHEREAS, the BMC will encourage ongoing tourism and Thai investments in Thai Town and support the efforts of the local Thai community in conjunction with the City of Los Angeles to beautify, revitalize, economically develop and enhance the area for all Angelenos to enjoy and benefit from as they are transported into a Thai cultural ambiance when they live, work, play, shop and dine in Thai Town; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles and its residents will benefit from an improved local economy of the east Hollywood area:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City Council of the City of Los Angeles does hereby take great pleasure in welcoming THE BANGKOK METROPOLITAN COUNCIL and commending them for their support of the local Thai community and the community's efforts to celebrate Thai Town in heightening a greater awareness and appreciation of Thai Town, Thai culture and the Los Angeles Thai community.

RESOLUTION BY

E. Garcia
Councilmember 13th District

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting held March 28, 2012.

SECONDED BY

Paula Berry
Councilmember 4th District

Herb J. Wasson
President of the Council

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Councilmember 10th District

ATTEST:

June Sagmay
City Clerk

