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WHEREAS, we take great pleasure in honoring Jewish World Watch co-founder and President JANICE KAMENIR-REZNIK; and

WHEREAS, JANICE KAMENIR-REZNIK has long been recognized as one of Los Angeles' most influential activists, having dedicated her life to tackling social injustices in an effort to make our community a better, more tolerant place; and

WHEREAS, before serving as the Director of the Commission of Soviet Jewry for the Los Angeles Jewish Federation, JANICE KAMENIR-REZNIK received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1973, and, two years later, earned both a Master of Social Work Degree from the University of Southern California and a Master of Jewish Communal Services Degree from the Hebrew Union College; and

WHEREAS, after earning her Juris Doctorate from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1982, JANICE KAMENIR-REZNIK entered a career in environmental real estate law, practicing for the firm of Reznik & Reznik, which later merged with the firm of Jeffer, Mangels, Butler and Marmaro; and

WHEREAS, JANICE KAMENIR-REZNIK retired from the active practice of law in 2003 in order to dedicate her time and efforts to non-profit service, and, along with Rabbi Harold Schulweis, co-founded Jewish World Watch in 2004 to reverse the devastating tides of genocide in Darfur and to combat other human rights violations across the globe; and

WHEREAS, under JANICE KAMENIR-REZNIK'S inspired leadership, Jewish World Watch has blossomed to become a hands-on leader in the fight against international human rights abuses, uniting a global coalition of like-minded individuals and religious, educational and cultural organizations; and

WHEREAS, JANICE KAMENIR-REZNIK was instrumental in Jewish World Watch's principled and courageous commitment to educating the public about the history of modern genocides, including the Armenian Genocide, and the present-day consequences of impunity, denial, and historical revisionism; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her steadfast dedication to international issues, JANICE KAMENIR-REZNIK has a distinguished record of leadership with numerous organizations and institutions, including California Women Lawyers, California Women's Law Center, Los Angeles Hebrew High School, Valley Beth Shalom, Los Angeles Hillel Council, UCLA Hillel, and the Jewish Federation Council; and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2011, Jewish World Watch will honor JANICE KAMENIR-REZNIK at Global Soul – a celebratory dinner and program honoring her work and vision that will be held at Los Angeles' Sinai Temple, attracting over 600 dedicated activists, youth, and community leaders;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby honors JANICE KAMENIR-REZNIK on this day, January 28, 2011, hereafter known as Janice Kamenir-Reznik Day, for her devoted service to the citizens of the City of Los Angeles and for her immeasurable contributions to the American endeavor to form a more perfect union that stands opposed to injustices throughout the world.

PRESENTED BY: Paul Kerkorian
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