

## RESOLUTION NO. 8528

### RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA, RECOGNIZING MAY 10 AS DÍA DE LAS MADRES IN THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE, CALIFORNIA

**WHEREAS**, Mother's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday of May in many countries, including the United States, recognizing the contributions made by mothers to their families, communities, and society as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, the first official American Mother's Day was observed on May 10, 1908 in Grafton, West Virginia, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1914, Congress passed a resolution designating the second Sunday of May as Mother's Day; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1922, Mexican journalist and founder of the *El Excelsior* newspaper Rafael Alducin proposed May 10 as a special day to celebrate mothers. *El Excelsior's* campaign to promote the contribution of mothers in society brought about nationwide recognition for mothers and grandmothers; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1940, May 10 was officially declared a holiday in Mexico making it the first Latin American country to recognize Mother's Day (or as it is officially known, Día de las Madres); and

**WHEREAS**, Guatemala and El Salvador also recognized Día de las Madres on May 10; and

**WHEREAS**, the nationwide Hispanic population has grown to nearly one-fifth of the United States population, with the State of California alone is home to over 15 million.

**WHEREAS**, Los Angeles County has the largest Hispanic population of any county at well over 4 million.

**WHEREAS**, Hawthorne has a Hispanic population of 55.8% according to the US Census Bureau; and

**WHEREAS**, Hawthorne's Hispanic population has made profound contributions to the community over its 100 year history, helping to enhance the rich, unique character of our city with cultural traditions dating back centuries; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Hawthorne does hereby find, determine and order as follows:

**Section 1.** The City Council of the City of Hawthorne, California, hereby incorporates by reference all the recitals herein.

**Section 2.** The Council of the City of Hawthorne, California hereby recognizes May 10 as Día de las Madres, celebrating the role of mothers worldwide and recognizing the History of Día de las Madres in the United States and throughout Central America. The City of Hawthorne urges all its citizens to celebrate the contributions of their mothers and grandmothers, as well as those of mothers worldwide.

**Section 3.** The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and shall cause this Resolution and her certification to be entered in the Book of Resolutions of the Council of the City.

**Section 4.** This resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and adoption thereof.

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**ALEX VARGAS, Mayor**  
**City of Hawthorne, California**

**ATTEST:**

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**DAYNA WILLIAMS-HUNTER, City Clerk**  
**City of Hawthorne, California**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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**ROBERT M. KIM, City Attorney**  
**City of Hawthorne, California**