

RESOLUTION NO. 09-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA, RECOGNIZING THE FLAG OF THE FORMER REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AS THE OFFICIAL FLAG OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE OVERSEAS

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the current Vietnam Hanoi Communist regime continues to be a one party state ruled by an un-elected and unaccountable government that continuously and arbitrarily infringes on the human rights and religious freedom of its people; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of Americans from Vietnam do not recognize or condone the Communist regime currently governing Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, the people of the former Republic of Vietnam are not defeated but remain unbowed and fiercely opposed to communism while standing united in their commitment to freedom; and

WHEREAS, the State of California is home to the largest group of immigrants from Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, the people of the former Republic of Vietnam were valiant in their resistance to the aggression of communist North Vietnam, and refugees from the Republic of Vietnam who immigrated to the United States of America and settled in the City of Costa Mesa should be honored and remembered for their sacrifices such that the only flag depicting the Nation of Vietnam should be the flag of the former Republic of Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, the flag of the free Vietnamese people is the flag of the former Republic of Vietnam and consists of three horizontal stripes of red (gules) upon a field

of gold; and

WHEREAS, the flag of the one party regime currently holding power in occupied Vietnam may be the flag of a government, but it is not the flag of a Nation; and

WHEREAS, the culture and history of the Vietnamese people should be celebrated and honored with the flag of the Vietnamese Nation, not the flag of the tyrants who betrayed and rejected that glorious culture and history; and

WHEREAS, this flag remains a poignant reminder of the threat of communism and the imperative of remaining vigilant in opposition to tyranny of all forms, and to actively support human rights; and

WHEREAS, the States of California, Colorado, Florida and Louisiana as well as a number of cities across the Country, including the cities of Westminster and Garden Grove, have officially recognized this flag and there are many residents of Vietnamese heritage who have made Costa Mesa their home and are a part of our community.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, on this day, the City of Costa Mesa formally recognizes the flag of the former Republic of Vietnam as the official flag of the Vietnamese people overseas and that all Americans, regardless of their heritage, recognize and honor the American flag as the flag representing freedom for all in America.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009.

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Allan R. Mansoor, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Julie Folcik, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Kimberly Hall Barlow, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF ORANGE ) ss  
CITY OF COSTA MESA )

I, JULIE FOLCIK, City Clerk of the City of Costa Mesa, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is the original of Resolution No. 09-\_\_\_\_ and was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Costa Mesa at a regular meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009, by the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereby set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Costa Mesa this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009.

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JULIE FOLCIK, CITY CLERK

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