



Belmont Select Board Approves Proclamation On Human Rights Day

The Belmont Select Board approved the recognition of December 10th as Human Rights Day and issued this Proclamation in partnership with the Belmont Human Rights Commission to ask us all, as part of a global human family, to honor the importance of continuing our struggle for justice. The impact of events in the world and our nation, in particular, inevitably trickle down into the climate of our town. We must continue to be vigilant and proactive about how we shape our community to reflect our values of dignity, equality, and justice for all people.

WHEREAS: December 10 is celebrated annually across the globe as Human Rights Day;

WHEREAS: The date was chosen to honor the United Nations General Assembly's adoption and proclamation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on December 10, 1948;

WHEREAS: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights recognizes the inherent dignity and the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family as the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world;

WHEREAS: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights includes a broad range of rights including political, civil, economic, social and cultural rights;

WHEREAS: the Town of Belmont in partnership with the Belmont Human Rights Commission honors and celebrates human rights of all individuals;

WHEREAS: The Town of Belmont is committed to upholding the dignity, equality and justice for all individuals;

WHEREAS: The Town of Belmont recognizes as essential the need for the education and awareness of the public on human rights issues, in order to end discrimination, prejudice, hate, and violence;

WHEREAS: Celebrating Human Rights Day influences awareness and provides support and advocacy around human rights issues, and is an opportunity to take action and engage in dialogue to build acceptance and advance human rights;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Select Board of the Town of Belmont hereby proclaims December 10 as Human Rights Day.

The Belmont Human Rights Commission is dedicated to fighting discrimination in all its forms and to increasing visibility and awareness of issues regarding diversity and discrimination to all citizens. Please contact us at belmont.hrc@gmail.com or call 617-993-2795.