

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 800TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHRISTMAS CRÈCHE

DECEMBER 25, 2023

WHEREAS, IN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES AROUND THE WORLD, ADVENT REFERS TO A SEASON OF REMEMBERING AND CELEBRATING THE ARRIVAL OF JESUS ON EARTH; AND

WHEREAS, CRÈCHE, (FROM THE LATIN WORD CRIPA “CRIB, CRADLE”) IS A REPRESENTATION OF THE SCENE OF JESUS CHRIST’S BIRTH. IT IS THE NATIVITY SCENE THAT IS DISPLAYED AT CHRISTMAS, WITH THE MANGER, MARY, JOSEPH, AND THE THREE WISE MEN. IN THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION, A NATIVITY SCENE IS A SPECIAL EXHIBITION, PARTICULARLY DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON; AND

WHEREAS, AS WRITTEN IN THE SCRIPTURES, THE CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION DECLARES IN A FORMAL WAY, THE BIRTH OF CHRIST AND OF THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY BEGINNING WITH CREATION AND TO THE MAJOR EVENTS AND PERSONAGES OF SACRED AND SECULAR HISTORY; AND

WHEREAS, THE CHRISTMAS CRÈCHE, WAS STARTED BY SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI IN 1223. THIS TRADITION ORIGINATES BACK TO GRECCIO, ITALY, WHERE ST. FRANCIS HAD VISITED TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS. ON THE 800TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SETTING UP THE FIRST NATIVITY SCENE, THE CRÈCHE IN ST. PETER’S SQUARE IN 2023 WILL COME FROM THE DIOCESE OF RIETI, ITALY, AND PAY TRIBUTE TO THE SCENE SET UP IN THE DIOCESE IN 1223; AND

WHEREAS, OVER FOUR BILLON CHRISTIANS WORLDWIDE CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST, MARKING THE SEASON OF PEACE AND HOPE DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER. CHRISTIANS CONSIDER THIS A TIME TO REFLECT ON THE UNEXPECTED NATURE OF JESUS’ HUMBLE BIRTH AND JOIN IN THE ANTICIPATION OF WHEN HE WILL COME AGAIN TO REUNITE HEAVEN AND EARTH ONCE AND FOR ALL; AND

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, MARKS THIS DAY IN RECOGNITION OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON OF PEACE AND HOPE. AND THAT THE TRUE GIFT OF THE SEASON IS NOT FOUND WRAPPED IN A BOX, BUT IN SHARING LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER AND THE HOPE OF PEACE ON EARTH; NOW

THEREFORE, JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, RECOGNIZES DECEMBER 25, 2023, AS

THE 800TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHRISTMAS CRÈCHE
IN THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA.

SIGNED THIS 6TH DAY OF
DECEMBER 2023, AT
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

MAYOR JOSH LEVY
VICE MAYOR ADAM GRUBER
COMMISSIONER CARYL S. SHUHAM
COMMISSIONER LINDA HILL ANDERSON
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