## RESOLUTION Honoring

## The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Miss Garden Grove Scholarship Pageant

- WHEREAS, The Miss Garden Grove Scholarship Pageant originated in 1958 as the Miss Garden Grove Strawberry Festival beauty pageant, later joining the Miss America/Miss California Pageant in 1980 as an official preliminary to the Miss America Pageant; and
- WHEREAS, Connie, Jerry, and Stacy Margolin have coordinated the Miss Garden Grove Pageant program since 1983, and in 2003, added the Outstanding Teen component acknowledging girls between the ages of 13 to 17; and
- WHEREAS, The Miss Garden Grove Scholarship Pageant and Garden Grove's Outstanding Teen have evolved into a recognition program for young women and their outstanding accomplishments and contributions in all fields of endeavor; and
- WHEREAS, The City of Garden Grove, the Garden Grove Elks Lodge #1952, and the Garden Grove Strawberry Festival Association have largely provided annual support and assistance for the continuance of the pageant along with sponsorships from local service clubs and businesses; and
- WHEREAS, Over the past 26 years, more than \$150,000 in scholarships have been disbursed to contestants in the pursuit of higher education; and
- WHEREAS, Each year, Miss Garden Grove and her court represent the city of Garden Grove with poise and grace at various community events including the Strawberry Festival, Garden Grove Pride, and Red Ribbon ceremonies; and
- WHEREAS, The Miss Garden Grove Scholarship Pageant has provided a springboard for over 900 young women to reach their personal and professional goals. Among past contestants are professional businesswomen, successful songwriters, recording artists, award-winning theater actresses, entrepreneurs, singers, recitalists, and educators.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Garden Grove City Council does hereby honorably celebrate the milestone 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Miss Garden Grove Scholarship Pageant and its longstanding commitment to the empowerment of women in Garden Grove.

July 22, 2008

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