

**Resolution  
Leah Cecil  
Miss California 2012**

- WHEREAS, Leah Cecil was born and raised in Garden Grove, CA, starting her successful career in pageant competition at the age of 14, later attending Pacifica High School; and
- WHEREAS, In 2007, she became Miss Anaheim's Outstanding Teen, followed by second runner-up for the Miss California Outstanding Teen the same year; and
- WHEREAS, In 2011, 20-year-old Leah Cecil, a junior majoring in music at California State University, Fullerton, was crowned Miss Garden Grove, and soon-after placed first runner-up in the Miss California contest; and;
- WHEREAS, Following her reign as Miss Garden Grove, Leah went on to gain the title of Miss California Regional 2012; and
- WHEREAS, Playing the harp since the age of 14, Leah, now a Fullerton graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in music, is the principal harpist at CSUF, the La Mirada Symphony, and the Orange County Symphony among others, and currently teaches harp at Diamond Bar High School with hopes to pursue a Master's Degree in music; and
- WHEREAS, In addition to an acclaimed musician, Leah is an award-winning artist, and recognized humanitarian who ardently supports the non-profit organization, Compassionate Harps, raising money for the needy, and was recognized by ABC Channel 7's "Cook Kids"; and
- WHEREAS, On June 30, 2012 in Fresno, CA, a triple preliminary winner for talent, swimsuit, and evening wear, Leah Cecil won the title of Miss California 2012 from among 57 other contestants; and
- WHEREAS, Donning the crown of Miss California for the remainder of the year, Leah will represent the Golden State in the 2013 Miss America pageant on January 12 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Garden Grove City Council does hereby proudly express its heartfelt welcome to Garden Grove's most recognized hometown girl—Miss California 2012, Leah Cecil—on the occasion of her triumphant return to Garden Grove on September 8, 2012.

**August 28, 2012**

**Recommended for Approval**

  
**Matthew Feral**  
City Manager