

RESOLUTION

'Dia de Juan Gabriel'

WHEREAS, Alberto Aguilera Valadez (Juan Gabriel) was born on January 7, 1950, in Parácuaro, Michoacán. The son of farmers Gabriel Aguilera Rodríguez and Victoria Valadez Rojas, he was the youngest of ten siblings; and

WHEREAS, During his childhood, his father was interned into a psychiatric hospital. Due to this, his mother moved to Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, and he was put in the El Tribunal boarding school where he remained eight years; and

WHEREAS, Juan Gabriel was never married. He had four children. The mother of his children is Laura Salas; and

WHEREAS, During his career, Juan Gabriel wrote around 1,800 songs. Among his most recognized penned songs are "Amor Eterno", "Querida", "Yo No Nací Para Amar", "Hasta Que Te Conocí", "El Noa Noa", "No Tengo Dinero", "Abrázame Muy Fuerte", "Te lo Pido por Favor", "En Esta Primavera", "Pero Qué Necesidad", "Te Sigo Amando", "Siempre en Mi Mente", "De Mí Enamórate", and "Lo Pasado, Pasado", among others; and

WHEREAS, In his list of the most influential Latin music artists in history, Carlos Quintana of About.com, ranked Gabriel number six for shaping "the sounds of Mexican music" and exploring genres from ranchera to Latin Pop; and

WHEREAS, In 1986, Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley honored Juan Gabriel at City Hall; and

WHEREAS, He received the Lo Nuestro Excellence Award in 1991, an award given to Latinos making a mark in the U.S. music industry; and

WHEREAS, In 1996, he was inducted into the Billboard Latin Music Hall of Fame for his successful career as a singer, composer, and producer; and

WHEREAS, The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) honored Gabriel the Latin Songwriter of the Year Award in 1995, 1996, and 1998; and

WHEREAS, In 1999, Gabriel received the People's Choice Awards for Best Regional Artist. That same year, he received the La Opinión Tributo Nacional for Lifetime Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, A statue was erected by Billboard at Mexico City's Plaza Garibaldi in 2001, and remains a popular destination for mariachi performances; and

WHEREAS, He also received his own star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in May, 2002; and

WHEREAS, In 2003 Juan Gabriel was inducted into the International Latin Music Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, In 2009, the singer was honored as the Latin Recording Academy's Person of the Year; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, Billboard listed Gabriel among their list of the 30 Most Influential Latin Artists of All Time, citing his "dramatic performance style" and his redefined concept of romantic Latin Pop music; and

WHEREAS, Juan Gabriel's songs have been covered by artists such as Rocío Dúrcal, Gloria Trevi, La India, and Marc Anthony, the latter of whom credits his song "Hasta Que Te Conocí" as the inspiration to launch his career in Latin music; and

WHEREAS, Tribute albums to Gabriel have been recorded by several artists including Pedro Fernández, Lorenzo Antonio, Álvaro Torres, Los Tri-O, Nydia Rojas, and La India; and

WHEREAS, A television series based on Juan Gabriel's life titled "Hasta Que Te Conocí," began airing on April 18, 2016 and the series ended on August 28, coincidentally the same day Gabriel died; and

WHEREAS, On August 28, 2016, Juan Gabriel died of a heart attack at his home in Santa Monica, California, while still on a tour in the United States.

WHEREAS, Juan Gabriel's last concert was held at the Forum in Los Angeles; and

Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by adoption of this resolution the Los Angeles City Council does hereby declare that October 27, 2016 be designated as "Dia de Juan Gabriel."

PRESENTED BY:



GILBERT CEDILLO, FIRST DISTRICT

SECONDED BY:


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FINANCIAL PLANNING DAY

WHEREAS, 2016 marks the seventh year of Financial Planning Days, featuring events in 21 cities nationwide; and

WHEREAS, personal financial planning is essential, regardless of age or income, and it is vital to meeting life goals, such as buying a home, paying for college or achieving a secure retirement; and

WHEREAS, there are millions of Americans with pressing financial questions that need answers, and unfortunately, many have not had the opportunity to discuss those questions with competent and ethical financial planners; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has a clear interest in building the financial literacy and assets of our citizens, to both protect our residents and grow our tax base; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles moved that the Library Department integrate financial literacy efforts at the City's Libraries; and

WHEREAS, the Library Department provides Financial planning classes at the Central Library and several branches across the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Public Library's Money Matter\$ Financial Resource Guide offers over 200 links to suggested library and online resources providing information, education, and tools covering savings, credit, investments, budgeting, financial planning and consumer protection; and

WHEREAS, according to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (referred to in this preamble as the "FDIC"), at least 27.7 percent of households in the United States, or nearly 34,400,000 households with approximately 67,600,000 adults, are unbanked or underbanked and therefore have not had an opportunity to access savings, lending, and other basic financial services; and

WHEREAS, according to the FDIC, approximately 30 percent of banks reported in 2011 that consumers lacked an understanding of the financial products and services banks offered; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2016 Survey of the States: Economic and Personal Finance Education in Our Nation's Schools, a biennial report by the Council for Economic Education, only 20 States require students to take an economics course as a high school graduation requirement; and

WHEREAS, while California is one of the 20 States that requires economic courses, there is no standardized testing to determine financial literacy; and

WHEREAS, the National Assessment of Adult Literacy found that 82% of U.S adults were unable to convert square feet to square yards, then multiply and, therefore, could not compute the \$113.88 cost of buying enough carpet, selling at \$9.49 per square yard, to cover a 9 feet by 12 feet room; and

WHEREAS, increased financial planning empowers individuals to make wise financial decisions and reduces the confusion caused by an increasingly complex economy; and

WHEREAS, a greater understanding of, and familiarity with, financial markets and institutions will lead to increased economic activity and growth; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles, the Financial Planning Association of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Central Library, City Controller's Office, and other partners will host Los Angeles Financial Planning Day on Saturday, October 29, 2016; and

WHEREAS, combined resources from the different departments, including the Controller's Office and the Library, will leverage financial planning programs to reach out to a broad range of residents across the city; and

WHEREAS, Financial Planning Day will provide awareness of the impact that financial empowerment makes in our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council hereby, acknowledges the importance of financial literacy for the residents of Los Angeles and declares the October 29th 2016 as FINANCIAL PLANNING DAY, and encourages all residents to participate in the financial planning programs.

PRESENTED BY:



JOSE HUIZAR
Councilmember, 14th District

SECONDED BY:



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