

**TO:** Richard McNabb, Mayor

City Council Members

**FROM:** Stevie Cox, City Manager

**VIA:** Darien Comer, City Clerk

**CC:** Robert Wilhoit, City Attorney

**DATE:** October 30, 2023

**REF:** Universal Children's Day Proclamation

## **Summary:**

This proclamation is in recognition of the Universal Children's Day that will be held on November 20, 2023.

## **Background:**

World Children's Day was first established in 1954 as Universal Children's Day and is celebrated on November 20<sup>th</sup> each year to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare.

November 20th is an important date as it is the date in 1959 when the UN General Assembly adopted the <u>Declaration of the Rights of the Child</u>. It is also the date in 1989 when the UN General Assembly adopted the <u>Convention on the Rights of the Child</u>.

Since 1990, World Children's Day marks the anniversary of the date that the UN General Assembly adopted both the Declaration and the Convention on children's rights. Mothers and fathers, teachers, nurses and doctors, government leaders and civil society activists, religious and community elders, corporate moguls and media professionals, as well as young people and children themselves, can play an important part in making World Children's Day relevant for their societies, communities and nations.

<u>World Children's Day</u> offers each of us an inspirational entry-point to advocate, promote and celebrate children's rights, translating into dialogues and actions that will build a better world for children.

## **Recommendation:**

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the Universal Children's Day Proclamation on November 20, 2023.