

PROCLAMATION

We the Mayor and the City Council, by virtue of the authority vested by the City of Galveston, Texas, do proclaim

August 29 , 2013

As Galveston's celebration of the
50th Anniversary of the March on Washington



WHEREAS, the 1963 March on Washington was the largest Civil Rights demonstration in the history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, August 29, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. organizations and community members from Galveston will pay tribute to the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington by gathering at the Sealy Pavilion across from Rosenberg Library and adjacent to Ashton Villa at the intersection of 24th Street and Sealy Avenue, a site known throughout America as the location of the reading of the Emancipation Proclamation on June 19, 1865; and

WHEREAS, as part of the ongoing effort to involve the community, the gathering will then commemorate one of the landmark events of the Civil Rights Movement by leaving at 5:30 pm and marching to Ave. L Missionary Baptist Church, the oldest African-American Church in Texas, where a Celebration will begin at 6:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, community members will be invited to participate and march and speak about civil rights, rebuilding housing, voting rights, access to health care, employment, the history and significance of Dr. King's speech then, now and in the future, as well as struggle, forgiveness, and non-violence; and

WHEREAS, Galveston's civil rights, faith-based and minority community organizations, joined by people of all races and ethnicities and backed by the federal and state government have demanded for five years the rebuilding of all the homes that were destroyed by Hurricane Ike; and

WHEREAS, all members of the Galveston City Council support the Fair Housing Laws of Texas and the United States and the obligation of the City of Galveston to affirmatively further fair housing, and the City Council now supports the rebuilding of mixed income and scattered site housing as set forth in the September 28, 2013 plan submitted to the Texas General Land Office; and

WHEREAS, the work to rebuild Galveston for all our people, regardless of their race, national origin or income is a continuation of the struggle for Freedom and Civil Rights, and that Galveston's commitment to "The Dream" is to rebuild for all; and

WHEREAS, Thursday, August 29, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. is a time for us to gather near Ashton Villa and honor the brave men and women who marched and still march for Civil Rights; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council for the City of Galveston, Texas, hereby declare Thursday, August 29, 2013 as Galveston's celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington.

In testimony whereof, witness my hand and the Seal of the City of Galveston, this 29th day August, 2013.

Lewis Rosen, Mayor

Janelle Williams, City Secretary