



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: December 4, 2012
To: Honorable Mayor & City Council
From: Cheryl Friedling, Deputy City Manager
Subject: Adoption of a Resolution in Support of One Billion Rising
Attachments:

1. Resolution of the Council of the City of Beverly Hills Supporting 'One Billion Rising'
2. One Billion Rising Proclamation
3. Background Information from One Billion Rising's Website

INTRODUCTION

One Billion Rising is a global movement to end violence against women and girls. The movement promotes performance arts, documentaries, workshops and other creative events to increase awareness, raise money and revitalize the spirit of existing anti-violence organizations.

One Billion Rising's signature campaign is an event entitled 'V-Day' scheduled for February 14, 2013 inviting one billion women (and those who love them) to 'walk out, dance, rise up and demand an end to violence.'

Members of One Billion Rising's Board of Directors include founder Eve Ensler, Jane Fonda, Donna Karan, Salma Hayek, and Sheryl Sandberg, among many other notable women.

DISCUSSION

The City Council presented a Proclamation to Ms. Jane Fonda and Ms. Lindsey Horvath on behalf of One Billion Rising's initiatives at the November 20, 2012 City Council meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council adopt the Resolution in support of One Billion Rising initiatives.

Cheryl Friedling
Approved By

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Attachment 1

RESOLUTION NO. 12 R-

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
BEVERLY HILLS SUPPORTING “ONE BILLION RISING”

WHEREAS, V-Day is a nonprofit corporation that was formed in 1998 to distribute funds to grassroots, national and international organizations and programs that work to stop violence against women and girls; and

WHEREAS, One Billion Rising is V-day’s year-long, global campaign to end violence against women that culminates on February 14, 2013, the 15th anniversary of the founding of V-Day; and

WHEREAS, because over 1 billion women on this planet will be impacted by violence, the concept of the One Billion Rising campaign is to invite one billion women and those who love them to walk out, dance, rise up, and demand an end to violence against women on February 14th, 2013; and

WHEREAS, this act of solidarity will demonstrate the commonality of women’s struggles against violence and their power in numbers;

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Beverly Hills supports “One Billion Rising” and authorizes the City of Beverly Hills to be added to the list of supporters.

Section 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of the Resolution and shall cause the Resolution and his certification to be entered in the Book of Resolutions of the Council of the City.

Adopted:

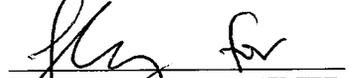
WILLIAM W. BRIEN, M.D.
Mayor of the City of
Beverly Hills, California

[Signatures continue]

ATTEST:

_____(SEAL)
BYRON POPE
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



LAURENCE S. WIENER
City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



JEFFREY KOLIN
City Manager

Attachment 2



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Proclamation

Whereas, One Billion Rising is a year-long, global campaign to end violence against women that culminates on February 14, 2013, the 15th anniversary of the founding of V-Day; and

Whereas, V-Day was started in 1998 in order to end the culture of acceptance of rape and violence against women and has been embraced by prominent women and women's groups worldwide; and

Whereas, on February 14th, 2012 One Billion Rising is inviting one billion women and those who love them to walk out, dance, rise up, and demand an end to violence; and

Whereas, this act of solidarity will demonstrate the commonality of women's struggles against violence and their power in numbers.

Now, therefore, we, the City Council of the City of Beverly Hills, do hereby congratulate and commend One Billion Rising for their visionary campaign to call attention to the tragedy of violence against women.

Dated November 20, 2012

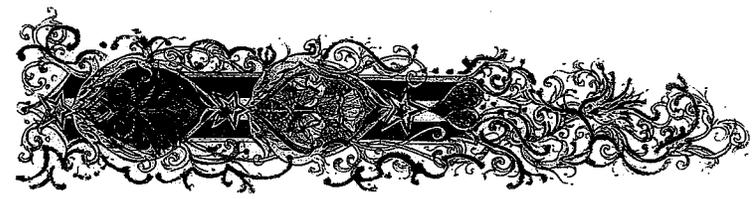
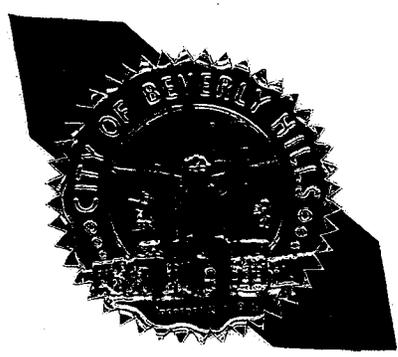
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Vice Mayor

Barry Brucker
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Lili Bosse
Lili Bosse
Councilmember

Julian A. Gold, M.D.
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Who We Are

V-Day is a global movement of grassroots activists dedicated to generating broader attention and funds to stop violence against women and girls, including rape, battery, incest, female genital mutilation (FGM) and sex slavery.

What We Do

Create dialogue and shatter taboos around violence against women and girls through thousands of events in over 140 countries.

Inspire and support activists who are working to create a world where women and girls are nurtured and protected, through grassroots activism, public education activities and support services for survivors.

Create new opportunities and resources for women and girls.

How We Do It

Support local activists in producing benefit performances of Eve Ensler's award winning play *The Vagina Monologues* and other creative vehicles, the proceeds of which are invested in local anti-violence activities.

Encourage V-Day performances around the world to Spotlight and raise awareness for especially egregious situations of abuse against women in order to focus global attention on places often forgotten by the mainstream media.

Direct a portion of the proceeds from local V-Day performances around the world to support existing groups and create new local groups that will continue the anti-violence work for years to come.

Partner with artists, companies, government foundations and other social movements to broaden the human and financial resources dedicated to ending violence against women and girls.

Identify grassroots leaders in the movement to end violence against women and support them politically and financially so they may expand and deepen their leadership capacity and train others to become leaders.

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V-Day is an organized response against violence toward women.

V-Day is a vision: We see a world where women live safely and freely.

V-Day is a demand: Rape, incest, battery, genital mutilation and sexual slavery must end now.

V-Day is a spirit: We believe women should spend their lives creating and thriving rather than surviving or recovering from terrible atrocities.

V-Day is a catalyst: By raising money and consciousness, it will unify and strengthen existing anti-violence efforts. Triggering far-reaching awareness, it will lay the groundwork for new educational, protective, and legislative endeavors throughout the world.

V-Day is a process: We will work as long as it takes. We will not stop until the violence stops.

V-Day is a day. We proclaim Valentine's Day as V-Day, to celebrate women and end the violence.

V-Day is a fierce, wild, unstoppable movement and community. Join us!





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The V-Board is a group of extraordinary women who provide vision, leadership, and wisdom to help guide and support V-Day in its work.

Carole Black

Jennifer Buffett

Rosario Dawson

Beth Dozoretz

Eve Ensler

Jane Fonda

Salma Hayek

Melody Hobson

Donna Karan

Katherine McFate

Pat Mitchell

Thandie Newton

Emily Scott Pottruck

Amy Rao

Cari Ross

Sheryl Sandberg

Lisa Schejola Akin

Regina Kulik Scully

Susan Celia Swan

Charlize Theron

Kerry Washington

Our V-Advisors have provided their wisdom and legal acumen to guide V-Day safely on its journey.

Janet L. Dobrovolny

Nancy Rose





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Our Work Is Grounded In Four Core Beliefs:

- Art has the power to transform thinking and inspire people to act
- Lasting social and cultural change is spread by ordinary people doing extraordinary things
- Local women best know what their communities need and can become unstoppable leaders
- One must look at the intersection of race, class, and gender to understand violence against women

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