

## **PROCLAMATION**

### **RECOGNIZING DR. PHILLIP A. HOWARD, FOUNDER AND SENIOR PASTOR OF VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH AND CAROLINE HOWARD FOR 48 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP TO THE PEOPLE OF VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH AND THE HERCULES COMMUNITY**

**WHEREAS**, Dr. and Caroline Howard came to the Hercules area in 1971 and began Valley Bible Church; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Howard has been a student of the Word since age 14 and earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Western Baptist College and completed the core for the Masters of Divinity at San Francisco Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary and completed his Master's degree at Denver Baptist College and Seminary and completed his Doctorate at Dallas Theological Seminary; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Howard's love for people comes through in his presentation of the Word as a practical guide for everyday living and has become known for his challenging, Bible-centered preaching and teaching; and

**WHEREAS**, in October 2019, after 48 years of leadership to the people of Valley Bible Church, Pastor Phillip Howard will be transitioning from Senior Pastor to Pastor Emeritus; and

**WHEREAS**, on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, the congregation of Valley Bible Church will honor their beloved Pastor and celebrate Valley Bible Church's 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Phillip Howard will begin his new role as Pastor Emeritus at the conclusion of the morning service on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, without the assistance of the Divine Being who ever attended him, I cannot succeed. With that assistance I cannot fail. Trusting in Him who can go with me, and remain with you, and be everywhere for good, let us confidently hope that all will yet be well. To His care commending you, as I hope in your prayers you will commend me, I bid you an affectionate farewell. President-elect Abraham Lincoln; Springfield, Illinois, February 11, 1861.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** that I, Dan Romero, Mayor of the City of Hercules, on behalf of the entire City Council and the Hercules Community, do hereby recognize and express appreciation to Dr. Phillip A. Howard and Caroline Howard for 48 years of service and leadership to the people of Valley Bible Church and the Hercules community and extend to them sincere best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Hercules to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.

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Dan Romero, Mayor