



City of Mission Viejo

Proclamation

A Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Mission Viejo
Proclaiming March 20, 2016, to be

International Day of Happiness

Whereas, on March 20th, the United Nations proclaimed the International Day of Happiness to create a happier and more fulfilled world and was inspired by Bhutan, a country whose citizens are considered to be some of the happiest in the world; and

Whereas, the phrase, "pursuit of happiness" was coined by English philosopher John Locke, and later used by Thomas Jefferson in the Declaration of Independence and both Locke and Jefferson determined that our need to pursue happiness is the very foundation of liberty; and

Whereas, our quest for happiness allows us the freedom to make choices that will result in the best life possible; on that revolves around strong social relationships, community involvement, a healthy active lifestyle and a safe, secure environment; and

Whereas, in accordance with the United Nations **International Day of Happiness** on March 20, 2016, the City of Mission Viejo supports their vision for social, economic and environmental well-being that inspires a diverse culture to promote and spread happiness through gratitude, creativity, health, wealth, and education.

Whereas, in honor of **International Day of Happiness** a celebration will be held on March 12, 2016 at the Norman P. Murray Community and Senior Center.

Now, therefore, I, Frank Ury, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Mission Viejo and on behalf of the members of the City Council, do hereby proclaim March 20, 2016, to be **International Day of Happiness** in the City of Mission Viejo and do urge all citizens to make happiness a global priority.

March 12, 2016



Frank Ury, Mayor