

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the right to religious freedom has been a significant part of America's historical roots; and

WHEREAS, our Founding Fathers understood the importance of individuals having freedom of religion for a stable democracy, and our Constitution protects individuals' rights to worship as they choose; and

WHEREAS, January 16 celebrates the anniversary of the 1786 Virginia Statute on Religious Freedom that restrained the practice of taxing people to pay for the support of the local clergy, and protected the civil rights of people to express their religious beliefs without suffering discrimination; and

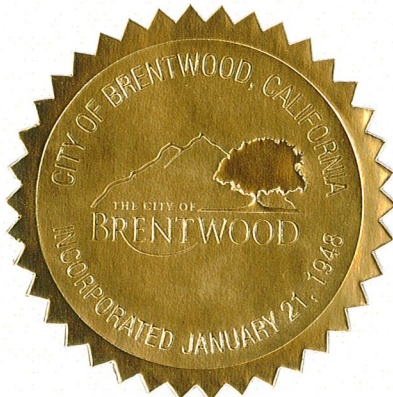
WHEREAS, each year since 1993, the President of the United States of America declares January 16 to be "Religious Freedom Day," and calls upon Americans to observe this day through appropriate events and activities in homes, schools, and places of worship; and

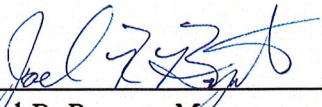
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the City Council of the City of Brentwood recognizes January 16, 2024 as

Religious Freedom Day

in the City of Brentwood, and calls upon residents to join in observing this day through appropriate events and activities in homes, schools, and places of worship.

Dated this 9th day of January, 2024




Joel R. Bryant, Mayor