

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Desmond Tutu is one of South Africa's most well-known human rights activists, winning the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts in resolving and ending apartheid, and

**WHEREAS**, Tutu became the first Black Anglican Archbishop of both Cape Town and Johannesburg. Known as the voice of the voiceless Black South Africans, he was an outspoken critic of apartheid; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the Nobel Peace Prize, Tutu has been bestowed numerous awards, including the Pacem in Terris Peace and Freedom Award, the Bishop John T. Walker Distinguished Humanitarian Service Award, the Lincoln Leadership Prize, and the Gandhi Peace Prize; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout his life, Tutu continued to champion human rights and equality for all people, both in South Africa and around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, Tutu brought to prominence Ubuntu, a philosophy that captures former President Nelson Mandela's recognition that we are all bound together in ways that are invisible to the eye; that there is a oneness to humanity; that we achieve ourselves by sharing ourselves with others, and caring for those around us and is a model for forgiveness and reconciliation; and

**WHEREAS**, Archbishop Desmond Tutu passed away at the age of 90 on December 26, 2021, having lived a life dedicated to human unity, justice, equality, and the fight against racism.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the City Council of the City of Brentwood hereby honors the life of Archbishop Desmond Tutu and his enduring message of human rights and equality for all people.

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022

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Joel Bryant, Mayor