



# SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

## Legislative Summary

Res 31858

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**Title:** A RESOLUTION affirming and commending the validity and application of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to peace and human dignity everywhere.

Date

Notes:

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Sponsors: Mosqueda

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1	City Clerk	12/10/2018	sent for review	Council President's Office			
	<b>Action Text:</b> The Resolution (Res) was sent for review. to the Council President's Office						
	<b>Notes:</b>						
1	Council President's Office	12/10/2018	sent for review	City Council			
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1	City Council	12/10/2018	referred	City Council			
	<b>Action Text:</b> The Resolution (Res) was referred. to the City Council						
	<b>Notes:</b>						
1	City Council	12/10/2018	adopted				Pass
	<b>Action Text:</b> The Motion carried, the Resolution (Res) was adopted by the following vote, and the President signed the Resolution:						
	<b>Notes:</b> Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 31858.						

In Favor: 6 Councilmember Bagshaw, Council President Harrell, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Mosqueda, Councilmember O'Brien, Councilmember Sawant

Opposed: 0

1 City Clerk 12/10/2018 attested by City Clerk

Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was attested by City Clerk.

Notes:

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CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION 31858

A RESOLUTION affirming and commending the validity and application of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to peace and human dignity everywhere.

WHEREAS, the issue of human rights worldwide, while always fundamental to human dignity, has recently pushed itself to the forefront of the world's individual and collective awareness; and

WHEREAS, as citizens and residents of the United States, we have so often failed to recognize the sovereignty and rights of Native peoples, including those of the Duwamish peoples on whose land the City of Seattle stands; and

WHEREAS, the threat of nuclear war, renewed buildup of nuclear armaments, and rhetoric encouraging nuclear proliferation pose a mortal threat to humankind; and

WHEREAS, the need for concerted international action to address climate change and its current impacts, while mitigating effects looking seven generations into the future, is greater than ever; and

WHEREAS, in the United States dehumanizing policies and practices toward immigrants and refugees, including arbitrary and indefinite detention, diminishing opportunities to apply for asylum, and massive deportations continue unabated; and

WHEREAS, in our country the Trump Administration's callous separation and detention of immigrant children from their parents at the Mexican border, deployment of the military there, and tear-gassing of asylum seekers have brought widespread condemnation; and

1 WHEREAS, hemispheric trade policies have not been enacted that would benefit working people  
2 with adequate labor and environmental protections, while many workers have been left  
3 behind in North and Central America by previous agreements; and

4 WHEREAS, rampant inequality domestically and locally makes the dream of a sufficient,  
5 sustainable livelihood for all more distant for many; and

6 WHEREAS, the lack of affordable housing and its corollary of growing homelessness is felt  
7 most acutely in our county and city and urgent responses are needed proportionate to the  
8 level of emergency felt here and in other locations in the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, recent incidents of racism, hate, and violence in our nation toward people of color  
10 and religious institutions remind us once again of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s call  
11 to confront the giant triplets of racism, poverty, and militarism; and

12 WHEREAS, the 70th anniversary of the promulgation of the Universal Declaration of Human  
13 Rights, passed by the United Nations General Assembly on December 10, 1948, provides  
14 a unique opportunity for our country and for the City of Seattle to apply the Declaration's  
15 specific provisions to some of the existing situations of injustice and human rights  
16 violations in our own community; NOW, THEREFORE,

17 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE THAT:**

18 Section 1. The City Council upholds and affirms the rights and dignity of Native peoples  
19 and all residents and visitors to Seattle and recognizes their cultural and economic rights, as well  
20 as their political and social rights; and that

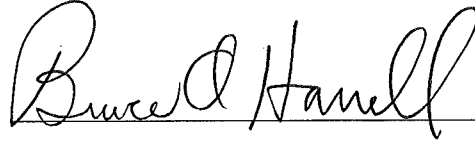
21 The City Council lifts up Articles 13, 23 and 25 of the Declaration, respectively, to be  
22 commended as opportunities for action to elevate immigrants' human rights; just working

1 conditions for all; and the right to housing, food, and medical care for each member of our  
2 community and beyond; and that

3       The City Council calls upon Seattle’s federal representatives to work tirelessly to address  
4 the twin global crises of the nuclear arms race and climate change; and that

5       The City Council commits to solutions by convening stakeholders and the public to  
6 provide a proportionate emergency response to the interconnected challenge of lack of affordable  
7 housing and homelessness.

1           Adopted by the City Council the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018,  
2 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 10<sup>th</sup> day of  
3 December, 2018.

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5 President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

6 Filed by me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018.

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8 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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