

*Metropolitan Government of Nashville  
and Davidson County*



*Office of the Mayor*

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the General Assembly of the United Nations approved the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on December 10, 1948, declaring that “recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world;” and

**WHEREAS**, a recommitment by the United States to the principles and ideals of the Universal Declaration is essential for its promise to ensure equality and justice; and

**WHEREAS**, the basic human rights addressed in the Universal Declaration include economic, social, and cultural rights, as well as civil and political rights, all considered to be equally important in fostering human dignity and freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, the Universal Declaration calls for all people and governments to promote and respect recognized rights, while providing standards of achievement for governments throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS**, each year on December 10, the international community commemorates this event and recommits itself to the broader achievement of human rights; and

**WHEREAS**, this year marks the 77th anniversary of the Universal Declaration and Tennessee will celebrate with the theme, “Challenging Hate: Standing Together for Universal Human Rights”;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Freddie O’Connell, tenth Mayor of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, do hereby proclaim December 10th, 2025 as,

**HUMAN RIGHTS DAY**

in Nashville, Tennessee, and urge all Nashvillians to join me in this observance.

*I have hereunto set my hand on  
this 26th day of November 2025*

  
**Freddie O’Connell**  
**Mayor**

