



PROCLAMATION

Universal Human Rights Month 2025

WHEREAS, Universal Human Rights Month, observed each December, marks the anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), a historic commitment by the global community to uphold the dignity and rights of every human being; and

WHEREAS, adopted on December 10, 1948, by the United Nations General Assembly, the UDHR established for the first time an international framework affirming that all people are entitled to fundamental rights and freedoms, regardless of identity, background, or circumstance; and

WHEREAS, the UDHR continues to serve as a foundational statement of universal rights and freedoms, informing international principles, guiding human rights protections, and offering a framework for dignity and equality for all people; and

WHEREAS, many of these fundamental rights correspond with protections in the U.S. Constitution, including: the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments, which guarantee due process and equal protection under the law; the First Amendment, which safeguards freedoms of speech, religion, assembly, and petition; and the Thirteenth Amendment, which prohibits slavery and involuntary servitude; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration's principles remind us that protecting human rights requires active participation at global, national, and local levels and that fairness, dignity, and equal opportunity must be upheld in our institutions, neighborhoods, and daily lives; and

WHEREAS, Universal Human Rights Month encourages all people to reflect on these shared values and to work toward a world where each person can live freely, safely, and with their rights fully respected; and

WHEREAS, Joliet Township Government affirms its commitment to advancing fairness, inclusivity, and equitable treatment for all who live, work, and contribute to the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Joliet Township Government hereby proclaims December 2025 as **Universal Human Rights Month** in Joliet Township and encourages residents to recognize the importance of human rights in our community and in society at large, and to support efforts that promote dignity, equality, and justice for all.

ADOPTED this 9th day of December of 2025.


Cesar Guerrero, Township Supervisor

ATTEST:


Kendra Landfair, Township Clerk