



*City of Grand Rapids, Michigan*  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

GEORGE K. HEARTWELL  
MAYOR

## *PROCLAMATION*

WHEREAS, racism, acts of hate, and violence based on race, religion, ethnic heritage, gender, gender orientation, or disability not only affect the victim, but affect our community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Rapids recognizes that incidents of racism and hate or intolerance unfortunately continue in our society; and

WHEREAS, Grand Rapids has a proud history of taking a stand against racism and intolerance--in our workplaces, in our policies, and in our community--because it is the right of all to be treated with dignity, respect, and understanding; and

WHEREAS, it is only through education, interaction, and understanding of individuals from various cultural, economic, and social backgrounds that will bring an end to injustice;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George K. Heartwell, Mayor of the City of Grand Rapids, Michigan, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 30, 2010, as

### *STAND AGAINST RACISM DAY*

in Grand Rapids, and urge all citizens to come together in unity to stand against racism and let it be known that racism will not be tolerated in our community.

GEORGE K. HEARTWELL

