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### **Mayor to Declare City Human Rights Day**

*Proclamation, photo exhibit and panel discussion to laud watershed UN effort*

SALT LAKE CITY – Mayor Ralph Becker will recognize the 63-year anniversary of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights at an event commemorating the landmark document at the Salt Lake City & County Building on Saturday, Dec. 10 at 6 p.m. on the second floor.

Mayor Becker will formally proclaim December 10, 2011 as Salt Lake City Human Rights Day and open the photo exhibit “DREAMers: Living in the Shadow of Hope” that explores the plight of young immigrants who face enormous challenges in spite of being raised as Americans. The exhibit by photographer Lynn Hoffman-Brouse and social worker Annie Brewer is on display on the first floor of the Salt Lake City & County Building through Dec. 31.

A panel discussion on current human rights issues will also be held as part of the event and include commentary from Utah State Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck, radio producer Troy Williams and local immigration attorneys Lorina Tester and Aaron Tarin.

Eleanor Roosevelt, widow of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, chaired the committee that drafted the declaration, a document intended to guarantee the rights of individuals everywhere, at the end of WWII and shortly after the United Nations Charter was adopted. The first UN General Assembly, comprised of 51 nations, adopted the Declaration on December 10, 1948. While the original declaration was drafted by French representative Rene Cassin, Eleanor Roosevelt was widely recognized as the driving force behind the effort.

Volunteers for the event are needed on Friday, Dec. 9 and Saturday, Dec. 10. Contact Salt Lake City Volunteer Coordinator Savannah Wake at 801-535-6202 or [savannah.wake@slcgov.com](mailto:savannah.wake@slcgov.com).

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