



City of Carson

Report to Mayor and City Council

May 7, 2013
New Business Consent

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 13-044 REMEMBERING THE DEVASTATION OF THE APRIL 15, 2013 BOSTON MARATHON BOMBINGS IN BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Submitted by David C. Biggs
City Manager

Approved by David C. Biggs
City Manager

I. SUMMARY

This matter is on the agenda at the request of Mayor *Pro Tem* Santarina.

April 2013 will go down in history as the time of the Boston Marathon Bombing in which three Americans died instantly at the scene of the crime, an MIT policeman was slain afterward, and at last count 260 people were injured in the two bomb blasts. Tonight, the City Council is asked to adopt Resolution No. 13-044 remembering the devastation of the April 15, 2013, Boston Marathon Bombings in Boston, Massachusetts.

II. RECOMMENDATION

TAKE the following actions:

1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 13-044, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, REMEMBERING THE DEVESTATION OF THE APRIL 15, 2013 BOSTON MARATHON BOMBINGS IN BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS."
2. DIRECT staff to transmit an executed copy of Resolution No. 13-044 to Massachusetts Governor Duval Patrick, Congresswoman Janice Hahn, Senator Ted Lieu, Assemblymember Isadore Hall and Senator Rod Wright.

III. ALTERNATIVES

TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate.

IV. BACKGROUND

The irony was that the homemade bombs initially did their damage on April 15, 2013 which is the day the people of Massachusetts were celebrating Patriots' Day, which was established commemorating the day long ago in which a few dozen Minutemen faced off against a few hundred British regulars. Since 1969, the state set aside the day to remember April 19, 1775 when the initial battles of Lexington and Concord were fought over British attempts to seize citizen's arms and ammunition stored in the area. The British came in full force and part of their

May 7, 2013

mission was to arrest John Hancock and Samuel Adams for treason. After they killed five colonists and disbursed the ragtag rebel band, the British troops cheered.

It is important that in times like these, Americans realize that such attacks are not just attacks upon innocent people, but such attacks are made upon each of us, and they also represent attacks upon our way of life and upon our fundamental ideals and values. It is important that in times like these, Americans remember the real reasons a day such as Patriot's Day would be created in honor of the memory of those brave patriots who sacrificed their lives for true freedom. Now, more than ever, such terrorist attacks represent repeated attempts to eradicate the freedoms and fundamental rights for which our founders were so willing to offer their lives – among them were Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.

V. FISCAL IMPACT

None.

VI. EXHIBITS

1. Resolution No. 13-044. (pgs. 3-4)

Document16

Prepared by: Lisa Berglund, Principal Admin. Analyst

TO: Rev09-04-2012

Reviewed by:

City Clerk	City Treasurer
Administrative Services	Public Works
Community Development	Community Services

Action taken by City Council	
Date _____	Action _____

RESOLUTION NO. 13-044

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, REMEMBERING THE DEVESTATION OF THE APRIL 15, 2013 BOSTON MARATHON BOMBINGS IN BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.

WHEREAS, City of Carson Remembers the Devastation of the April 15, 2013 Boston Marathon Bombings

WHEREAS, the Boston Marathon is an annual marathon hosted by several cities in Greater Boston in eastern Massachusetts. It is always held on Patriots' Day, the third Monday of April.; and

WHEREAS, the Boston Marathon Begun in 1897, inspired by the success of the first modern-day marathon competition in the 1896 Summer Olympics, the Boston Marathon is the world's oldest annual marathon, and ranks as one of the world's best-known road racing events. It is one of six World Marathon Majors

WHEREAS, the event attracts 500,000 spectators each year, making it New England's most widely viewed sporting event. Though starting with 18 participants in 1897, the event now attracts an average of about 20,000 registered participants each year, with 26,839 people entering in 2013

WHEREAS, the third day of April, of every year, is a holiday in Massachusetts called Patriots' Day. It is a day that celebrates the free and fiercely independent spirit that this great American city has reflected from the earliest days of our nation. It is a day that draws the world to Boston's streets in a spirit of friendly competition.

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2013, two homemade bombs were planted and set off near the crowded finish line of the Boston Marathon, killing three people and injuring more than 260 others.

WHEREAS, the Carson community, remembers the precious lives lost and grieves for those lives forever changed due to this senseless act of hate.

pay tribute to the survivors of the attacks for their courage in moving past the tragedies, and serving as an inspiration to many individuals in our communities

WHEREAS, the Carson community comes together to remember the heroism of police and fire personnel, rescue workers, volunteers, local officials and those who responded to these tragic events with courage, selfless compassion, determination and skill; and

WHEREAS, in honor of the victims, survivors and their families and in celebration of the countless acts of courage, compassion, loyalty and responsibility with which our nation responded to the unprovoked attacks on April 15, 2013, all Carson residents can reaffirm the

unity of their citizenship and their strength of character, while paying tribute to the collective spirit that make America the strong and proud nation that it is today.

WHEREAS, the City of Carson recognizes the tremendous debt of gratitude to our nation's outstanding law enforcement professionals that were involved in the manhunt that followed the two bombings on April 15, 2013.

NOW THEREFORE, the Mayor, City Council and Citizens of Carson, California do hereby remember April 15 by remembering this tragedy and the lives that were lost as a result of the two bombings .

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this ____ day of May, 2013.

Mayor Jim Dear

ATTEST:

City Clerk Donesia L. Gause, CMC

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney