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**Anaheim, California Passes Resolution Against Child Marriage as
Part of Ending Child Marriage Advocacy Campaign**

August 26, 2020-Irvine, California- Global Hope 365, a nonprofit headquartered in Tustin, California, the California Coalition to End Child Marriage and a team of Child Marriage Survivor Advocates announce the second city resolution in a statewide campaign to end Child Marriage in the state.

The resolution, led by City Councilmember, Dr. Jose F. Moreno, was unanimously passed at the Anaheim City Council meeting on the evening of Tuesday, August 25, 2020. Dr. Jose F. Moreno stated as he made the motion to adopt the Resolution advocating for No Marriage Under 18, No Exceptions, "It was a shock to the conscience and heart to learn that Child Marriage was legal in the state of California with no minimum age requirement. Passing this resolution was important to protect minors from predatory behavior and statutory rape."

- Harry S. Sidhu, P.E., Mayor
- Stephen Faessel, Mayor Pro Tem, District 5
- Denise Barnes, Council Member, District 1
- Jordan Brandman, Council Member, District 2
- Dr. Jose F. Moreno, Council Member, District 3
- Lucille Kring, Council Member, District 4
- Trevor O'Neil, Council Member, District 6

Councilmember Jose F. Moreno was an advocacy leader at the virtual *Ending Child Marriage Summit* on Wednesday, August 5, 2020. Elected officials, community leaders, nonprofit leaders, academics, survivor advocates, and concerned citizens gathered to engage in advocacy to educate and inform the public as well as policymakers and lawmakers. The participants heard perspectives from notable thought leaders including Sen. Joseph Dunn (ret.), Special Advisor to the Dean, UCI School of Law, Dr. Eleanor Kennelly Gaetan, Director of Public Policy at the National Center on Sexual Exploitation, and Jeanne Smoot, Senior Counsel for Policy and Strategy, Tahirih Justice Center.



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In 46 US states, including California, legal loopholes allow predominantly adult men to marry minor girls. In the state of California and in nine other states, there is no “age floor” meaning men can marry girls of any age with parental and judicial approval.

“We are incredibly encouraged by the momentum created by two City Resolutions, first Irvine and now Anaheim, pass unanimously. It is so important that we bring awareness to the human rights abuse that is Child Marriage. We will continue our statewide campaign at the City and County level to create awareness regarding the need for a law change at the state level,” said Rima Nashashibi, President and Founder of Global Hope 365.

A full list of supporters is available here:

<https://cacoalitiontoendchildmarriage.org/coalition-members2/>

About Global Hope 365

Global Hope 365 is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of women and girls, locally and worldwide, by advocating for their safety through raising awareness, education, and empowerment. We do this by collaborating with local groups and institutions to help them in solving inequitable practices based on gender. Our focus is on ending harmful practices towards women and girls such as Child Marriage, Human Trafficking, and Menstrual Restrictions.

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