

**CITY OF PALMDALE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION NO. CC 2008-111**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMDALE
AUTHORIZING THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY AND THE DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC WORKS TO REVIEW ALL REQUESTS TO RESTORE GRAVESITES AT
THE PALMDALE CEMETERY**

WHEREAS, The Palmdale Cemetery was abandoned as a place of future interment on August 2, 2006;

WHEREAS, The City of Palmdale ordered the removal of all copings, improvements and embellishments which were found to be a threat or danger to the health, safety, comfort, or welfare of the public;

WHEREAS, The City of Palmdale directed staff to secure, by all appropriate means, the Palmdale Cemetery grounds;

WHEREAS, The City of Palmdale desiring to preserve the dignity of the Palmdale Cemetery and those interred there, while retaining the cemetery's historic significance and western high desert appearance, adopted Resolution 2006-196 allowing relatives of the deceased interred at the Palmdale Cemetery a period of one year from the date the cemetery was secured to restore or replace any deteriorated, vandalized, or previously removed grave markers, monuments, headstones, or other embellishments located on the graves of their relatives;

WHEREAS, The City of Palmdale desiring to preserve the dignity of the Palmdale Cemetery and those interred there, while retaining the cemetery's historic significance and western high desert appearance, adopted Resolution 2006-196 allowing relatives of the deceased interred at the Palmdale Cemetery a period of one year from the date the cemetery was secured to place grave markers, monuments, or headstones similar to those already existing at the Palmdale Cemetery, but in no instance taller than three feet from the ground, on the graves of their relatives;

WHEREAS, The Palmdale Cemetery was deemed "secure" on July 16, 2008;

WHEREAS, Relatives of those interred at the Palmdale Cemetery have requested authorization to improve family plots and gravesites;

WHEREAS, Resolution 2006-196 did not take into account all possible requests and some of the requests are not specifically allowed by Resolution 2006-196 but are within the spirit of the resolution; and

WHEREAS, The City Council desires to authorize the Office of the City Attorney and the Department of Public Works to review all requests to restore grave sites and grant those requests that preserve the dignity of the Palmdale Cemetery and those interred there, but that will not detract from the cemetery's historic significance or its western high desert appearance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

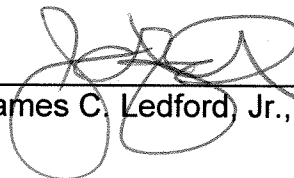
The Office of the City Attorney and the Department of Public Works are authorized and directed to review all requests to restore grave sites and grant those requests that preserve the dignity of the Palmdale Cemetery and those interred there, but that will not detract from the cemetery's historic significance or its western high desert appearance. The Office of the City Attorney and the Department of Public Works are also authorized and directed to develop and enforce criteria to ensure that all restoration work performed at the Palmdale Cemetery is done in a responsible manner.

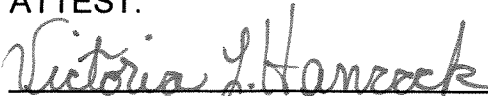
PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 20th day of August, 2008, by the following vote:

AYES: Ledford, Lackey, Knight, Hofbauer, and Dispenza

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: None


James C. Ledford, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Victoria L. Hancock, City Clerk

Approved as to form:


Wm. Matthew Ditzhazy, City Attorney