



October 2021 Global Diversity Awareness Month

[The Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#) was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 10th, 1948, directly resulting from the atrocities committed during the Second World War.

Drafted by the Commission on Human Rights which was made up of 18 members from various cultural, political, and religious backgrounds, the Declaration represented the first global expression of fundamental rights and freedoms to which all human beings are inherently entitled.

This milestone document in the history of human rights acknowledges that we should remember and understand the value of each human being, regardless of their nationality, color, race, sex, gender, country of origin, language, or otherwise.



In a powerful statement at the time of the vote adopting the Declaration, Hernán Santa Cruz of Chile, a member of the drafting committee, wrote:



"I perceived clearly that I was participating in a truly significant historic event in which a consensus had been reached as to the supreme value of the human person, a value that did not originate in the decision of a worldly power, but rather in the fact of existing—which gave rise to the inalienable right to live free from want and oppression and to fully develop one's personality."

Our [Global Diversity Awareness Month](#) celebration represents the perfect opportunity to learn more about new cultures and explore the vast spectrum of human diversity that makes the world such a wonderful place.