











### **HUMAN RIGHTS** DAY





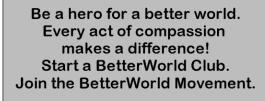




...defend human rights...







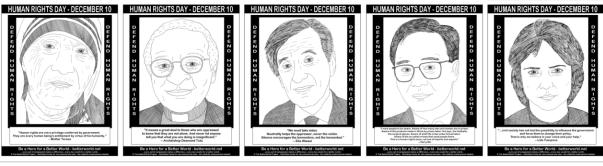




BetterWorldCalendar.com

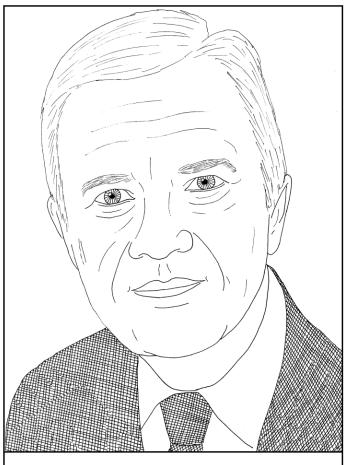












"Everyone has a right to peaceful coexistence, the basic personal freedoms, the alleviation of suffering, and the opportunity to lead a productive life..."

-- Jimmy Carter

The evolution of the human rights movement clearly illustrates humanity's ongoing struggle toward creating a better world.

Throughout history, societies have usually been structured with a powerful minority deciding the course of the lives of the majority. Through the ages, people have worked to change those systems so that they are fairer for everyone. As the world has become more global and interconnected, the human rights movement has been able to spread throughout the world, winning rights for people everywhere. Many victories have been won, but there is still a long way to go.

After the horrors of World War II, the United Nations was created to provide a forum for countries to work out their problems peacefully, and to help nations work together to create a more peaceful, just and sustainable world for all. Protecting and promoting human rights is one of the foundations of the goals of the United Nations.

On December 10, 1948, the United Nations adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which clearly outlined the basic human rights and freedoms to which all people should be entitled. This document continues to be a cornerstone in the struggle for a better world.

Many people and organizations work throughout the year to help protect human rights - often placing their own lives in danger. Human Rights Day, on December 10, is an important global occasion to remind us about the importance of protecting human rights for all.

#### Be A Hero For A Better World!

- 1. Find out more
- 2. Hold an event to raise awareness about human rights issues
- 3. Contribute to organizations working to defend human rights

#### **Human Rights Organizations**

- Amnesty International (amnesty.org)
- Carter Center (cartercenter.org)
- Human Rights First (humanrightsfirst.org)
- Human Rights Watch (hri.org)
- Rights International (rightsinternational.org)
- UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (ohchr.org)
- Witness (witness.org)
- Women's Human Rights Net (whrnet.org)

For more information: www.betterworldcalendar.com/humanrightsday.htm

#### Be a Hero for a Better World - betterworld.net

D D **ヨチョンロ** E F E Z D H U M M A N R R I G H T G H T S S

"The connection between women's human rights, gender equality, socioeconomic development and peace is increasingly apparent."
-- Mahnaz Afkhami

D 田F田Ζ 田 F 田 Ζ D D H U M M A A N R R I G H T G HTS S

"Human rights education is much more than a lesson in schools or a theme for a day; it is a process to equip people with the tools they need to live lives of security and dignity."

-- Kofi Annan

D 田 F 田 Ζ 田 F 田 Z D D H U M M A A N R R G H G H S S

"The sad truth is that most evil is done by people who never make up their minds to be either good or evil."

-- Hannah Arendt

ロヨチョソロ N M M A R G H T S

"Silence never won rights. They are not handed down from above; they are forced by pressures from below."

-- Roger Nash Baldwin

#### Be a Hero for a Better World - betterworld.net

D 田F田Ζ D D HU U M M A I G S

"Through electing officials that will protect the Constitution and commit themselves to the rights of the people and the health of the nation, we will be able to ensure that no group of ideologues and no private sector institution can coopt our rights, take us into senseless wars and steal the nation from its people."

-- Harry Belafonte

### Be a Hero for a Better World - betterworld.net

D E F E Z 田F田Ζ D D H U M M A N R G H G S

"A century that began with children having virtually no rights is ending with children having the most powerful legal instrument that not only recognizes but protects their human rights."

-- Carol Bellamy (on the Convention on the Rights of the Child)

D E F E Z 田F田Ζ D D H U M M A N R I G H T G HTS S

"Those who today still feel a sense of impotence can do something:
they can support Amnesty International.
They can help it to stand up for freedom and justice."
-- Peter Benenson

### Be a Hero for a Better World - betterworld.net

D 田 F 田 Ζ E F E Z D D ALTHUUNUM VUUKA H U M M A A N R R G G H H S S

'You can imprison a man, but not an idea.
You can exile a man, but not an idea.
You can kill a man, but not an idea.'
-- Benazir Bhutto

### Be a Hero for a Better World - betterworld.net

M A R Ġ HTS

M

"The most potent weapon in the hands of the oppressor is the mind of the oppressed."

-- Stephen Biko

#### Be a Hero for a Better World - betterworld.net

D 田F田Ζ E F E Z D D H U M M A N R R - G H G T S S

"It has long been recognized that an essential element in protecting human rights was a widespread knowledge among the population of what their rights are and how they can be defended."

-- Boutros Boutros-Ghali

### Be a Hero for a Better World - betterworld.net

D D 田 F 田 Ζ E F E Z D D H U M M A A N R R - GH G H T S S

"We are asking people to understand that slavery still exists today; in fact, according to a recent New York Times article, if you count the number of women and children in bonded labor, domestic slavery or sexual slavery today, there are more slaves in the world than at any other time in history."

-- Charlotte Bunch

### Be a Hero for a Better World - betterworld.net

ロヨチョソロ N D HUX M A A R 9 G HTS

"Everyone has a right to peaceful coexistence, the basic personal freedoms, the alleviation of suffering, and the opportunity to lead a productive life..."

-- Jimmy Carter

D 田F田Ζ E F E Z D D H M M A N G H G S

"Peace can only last where human rights are respected, where the people are fed, and where individuals and nations are free."

-- Dalai Lama

### Be a Hero for a Better World - betterworld.net

ロヨチョンロ M A R - G H F S



E F E N M A - GHTS

"Human Rights for everyone is the necessary foundation upon which all of us may build a world where everybody may live in peace and serenity and plenty."

-- Michael Douglas

ロヨチョソロ H U M A R - G H F S

E F E Z D H U M A

"The idea of cultural relativism is nothing but an excuse to violate human rights."
-- Shirin Ebadi

### Be a Hero for a Better World - betterworld.net

D 田F田Ζ **ヨチョスロ** D H U M M A N G H G S

"Without peace, there is little hope for human rights."
-- Martin Ennals

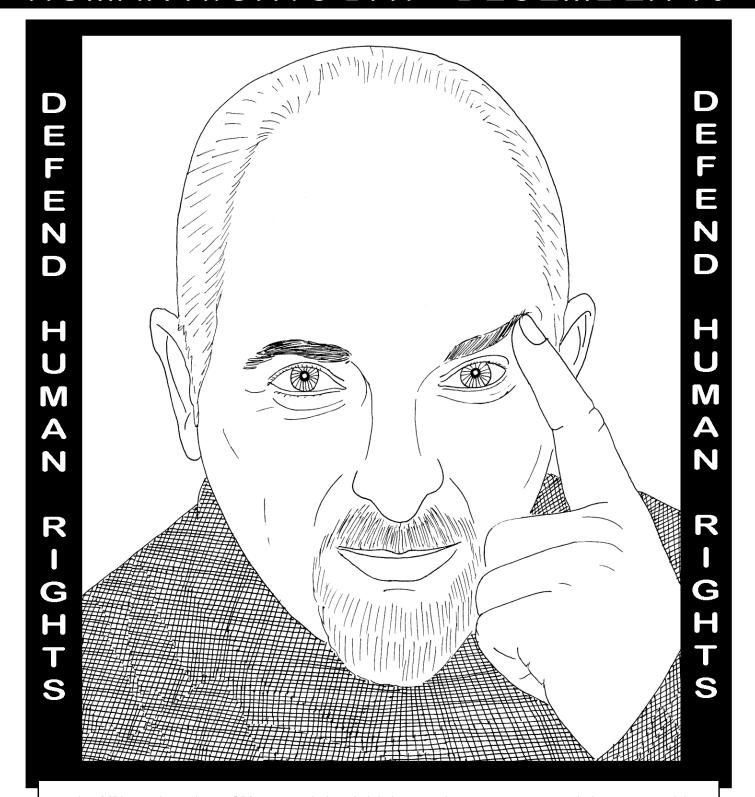
### Be a Hero for a Better World - betterworld.net

D E F E Z D D H U M M A A N R R G H T S G HTS

"Clean water and health care and school and food and tin roofs and cement floor, all of these things should constitute a set of basics that people must have as birthrights."

-- Dr. Paul Farmer

### Be a Hero for a Better World - betterworld.net



"The UN Declaration of Human Rights laid down what any person might reasonably expect, yet there are remarkably few people who enjoy these rights. With cameras in the hands of activists and meaningful distribution of those images, we will witness what really goes on in this world and hopefully want to change it."

-- Peter Gabriel

#### Be a Hero for a Better World - betterworld.net

D 田 F 田 Ζ E F E Z D D H U M M A N R R G H G S S

"Truth resides in every human heart, and one has to search for it there, and to be guided by truth as one sees it. But no one has a right to coerce others to act according to his own view of truth."

-- Mohandas Gandhi

D E F E Z 田F田Ζ D D H M M A A N R R G H G H V S S

"The modern infrastructures that exist in the world all contribute to the advancement of human rights and democracy..."
-- Akbar Ganji

D **ヨチョンロ** E F E Z D H U M M A – **G** Н G T S S

"Nobody's free until everybody's free."
-- Fannie Lou Hamer

D 田F田Ζ E F E Z D D H U M M A N R GHTS G S

> 'Freedom from fear' could be said to sum up the whole philosophy of human rights." -- Dag Hammarskjöld

ロヨチョスロ M A l G HTS



E F E Z

D

"There is no contradiction between effective law enforcement and respect for civil and human rights."

-- Dorothy Height



"After a war, the silencing of arms is not enough. Peace means respecting all rights. You can't respect one of them and violate the others. When a society doesn't respect the rights of its citizens, it undermines peace and leads it back to war."

-- Maria Julia Hernandez

D **ヨチョンロ ヨチョンロ** H U M U M A A N R R I G H T G H S S

"There can be no compromise on the right of personal security; there can be no compromise on securing of human rights."

-- Hubert Humphrey

ロヨチョスロ H U M A N R - G H F S χ

DEFEZ D H U M A GHT

"Give to every human being every right that you claim for yourself." -- Robert G. Ingersoll

DEFEZ

HUM M I G H T



"There is so much each one of us can do to make a difference. We are at a dangerous juncture in the history of mankind. ...We need to defend our principles and values, human rights, civil liberties and the rule of international law. If we don't our world will further descend into a state of chaos."

-- Bianca Jagger

#### Be a Hero for a Better World - betterworld.net

D 田F田Ζ E F E Z D D H M M A R G H G T S S

"I think cultural diversity makes human rights even richer.
It is a part of human rights to actually respect cultural diversity,
to encourage it. But cultural diversity does not mean inhuman
treatment of other human beings."

-- Asma Jahangir

### Be a Hero for a Better World - betterworld.net

E F E Z D U M A R I G HTS

D

M

G

"We hold these truths to be self-evident--that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

-- Thomas Jefferson

### Be a Hero for a Better World - betterworld.net

D 田 F 田 Ζ E F E Z D D H M M A A N R GHTS G S

"No one is above the law, and no one is beneath the law."
-- Van Jones

E F E Z D M M A R G H T S The state of the s

> "The Earth is the mother of all people and all people should have equal rights upon it."
> -- Chief Joseph

D E F E Z **ヨチョンロ** D H U M M A A N R R I G H T G H T S S

"In giving rights to others which belong to them, we give rights to ourselves."
-- John F. Kennedy

ロヨチョンロ "THURDINALITY WALLES OF THE STATE OF THE STA HUM M A R I G H T S

"Each time a person stands for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he or she sends forth a tiny ripple of hope. And crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance."

-- Robert F. Kennedy

### Be a Hero for a Better World - betterworld.net

D

A

N

E F E Z D M R G S



"No cause can justify the abuse of human rights." -- Irene Khan

D E F E Z 田F田Ζ D D H M M A A R G H G H T S S

"I won't give up until the exploitation of all children has ended and all children have their rights."
-- Craig Kielburger

### Be a Hero for a Better World - betterworld.net

ロヨチョソロ — **G** Н



ロヨモヨスロ

RIGHT

"Democracy is the absolute value that makes for human dignity, as well as the only road to sustained economic development and social justice."

-- Kim Dae-jung

### Be a Hero for a Better World - betterworld.net

D **ヨチョンロ** D H M M A A N N R G H G S S

"Commit yourself to the noble struggle for human rights.
You will make a greater person of yourself,
a greater nation of your country and a finer world to live in."
-- Martin Luther King, Jr.

### Be a Hero for a Better World - betterworld.net

D **ヨチョンロ** D H M M A N R G H G T S S

"we are opposing the exploitation of man by man, similarly we must oppose the exploitation of peoples by other peoples ...but today this is no longer enough ...we have to assist the peoples fighting for their independence to develop their economies, to increase their standard of living."

-- Bruno Kreisky

## Be a Hero for a Better World - betterworld.net

D 田F田Ζ E F E Z D D H U M M A A N R R G H G H S S

"The people of my country want the two freedoms that spell security: freedom from want and freedom from fear."

-- Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

#### Be a Hero for a Better World - betterworld.net



"Sexual abuse and rape in our prisons are the epitome of the dehumanizing nature of our entire correctional system. Prison rape is a human rights issue; it's a public health issue; and it's a public safety issue."

-- Barbara Lee

### Be a Hero for a Better World - betterworld.net

D 田F田Ζ E F E Z D D H M M A N R R I G H T S G S

"Whenever I hear anyone arguing for slavery,
I feel a strong impulse to see it tried on him personally."
-- Abraham Lincoln

### Be a Hero for a Better World - betterworld.net

D E F E Z 田F田Ζ D D H M M A A N R R I G H T G H V S S

"All mankind... being all equal and independent, no one ought to harm another in his life, health, liberty or possessions."

-- John Locke

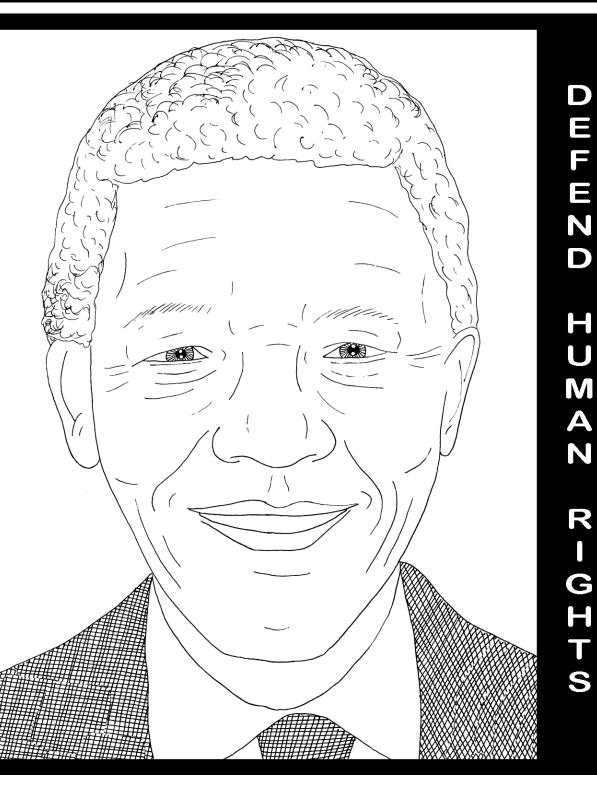
### Be a Hero for a Better World - betterworld.net



"Even strong as they are today, rich countries should have no illusion: nobody is safe in aworld of injustices. War will never bring security. War can only generate monsters: bitterness, intolerance, fundamentalism, and the damaging denial of current hegemonies. The poor must be given reasons to live, not to kill or die."

-- Luiz Lula da Silva

ロヨモヨソロ H U M A R - G H F S



"Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity. It is an act of justice.

It is the protection of a fundamental human right,
the right to dignity and a decent life."

-- Nelson Mandela

D

**HFEZO** 

I D Z A Z

R

I G H T S

田F田Ζ D M A R G S

"Get up, stand up, Stand up for your rights.

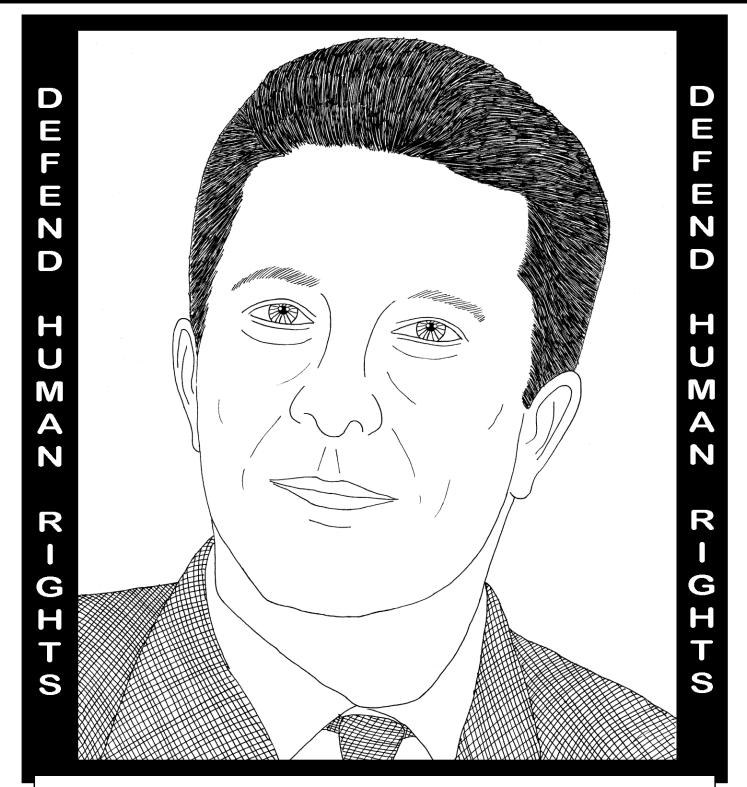
Get up, stand up, Don't give up the fight."

-- Bob Marley

### Be a Hero for a Better World - betterworld.net

D 田F田Ζ **ヨチョンロ** D HUMA M A R I G H T S G S

"All men are by nature born equally free and independent."
-- George Mason



"The cost in human lives and suffering is so high that we all have to work to end violence and oppression once and for all. We have to proclaim that every human being is equal, in dignity, in freedom —and, as the first article of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states, we have to live "in a spirit of brotherhood."

-- Federico Mayor

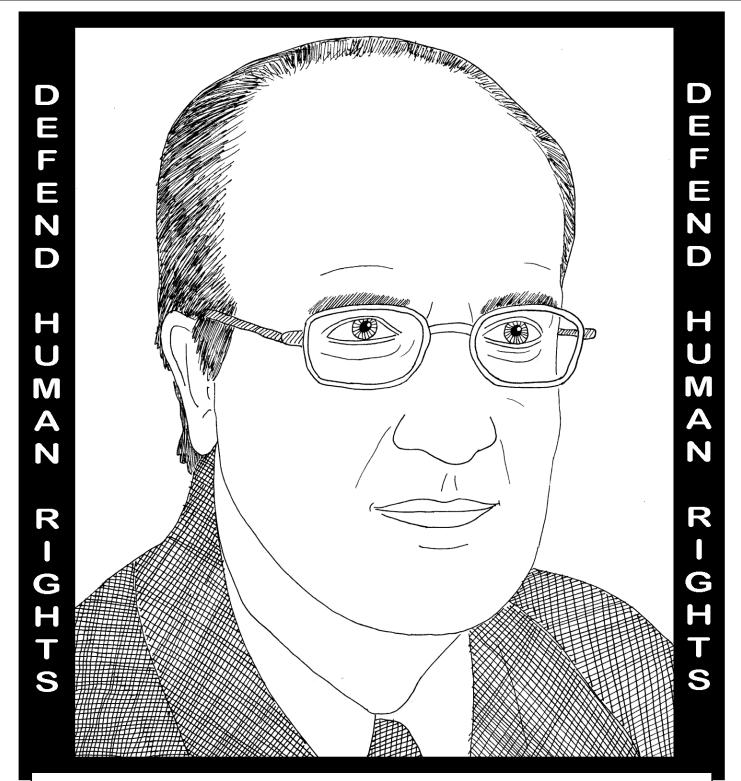
D E F E Z 田F田Ζ D D H U M M A N R R G G 0 0 S S 0 0

"We are not myths of the past, ruins in the jungle, or zoos.

We are people and we want to be respected,

not to be victims of intolerance and racism."

-- Rigoberta Menchu



"I feel more motivated and happy because there are people interested in our problem, people that care for us and support us in our fight for human liberty. I have a great emotion because I know now that we are not struggling alone against human rights violation."

-- Aktham Naisse

### Be a Hero for a Better World - betterworld.net

ロヨチョスロ E F E Z H U M M A A - GHTS

"The only way to make sure people you agree with can speak is to support the rights of people you don't agree with."

-- Eleanor Holmes Norton

D D 田F田乙 田 F 田 Ζ D D H U M M A A N R G H G HTS S

"Together we can prevent genocide from happening again.

Together we can make a better future for our children."

-- Dith Pran

### Be a Hero for a Better World - betterworld.net

D **ヨチョンロ** E F E N D H U M M A A G H T G

"Caged birds sing of freedom, free birds fly."
-- Thorolf Rafto

D 田F田Ζ 田 F 田 Ζ D D H U M M A N R R l G H G H T S S

> "We believe that human rights transcend boundaries and must prevail over state sovereignty."
> -- José Ramos-Horta

### Be a Hero for a Better World - betterworld.net

D 田F田Ζ E F E Z D D H U M M A A N R R I G H T G HFS S

"A community is democratic only when the humblest and weakest person can enjoy the highest civil, economic, and social rights that the biggest and most powerful possess."

-- A. Philip Randolph

D **ヨチョンロ** E F E Z D H U M M A N R - G H G S S

> "Today's human rights violations are the causes of tomorrow's conflicts." -- Mary Robinson

### Be a Hero for a Better World - betterworld.net

D 田甲田乙 E F E Z D D H U M M A N R R GHTS G S

"Basically we could not have peace, or an atmosphere in which peace could grow, unless we recognized the rights of individual human beings...their importance, their dignity... and agreed that was the basic thing that had to be accepted throughout the world."

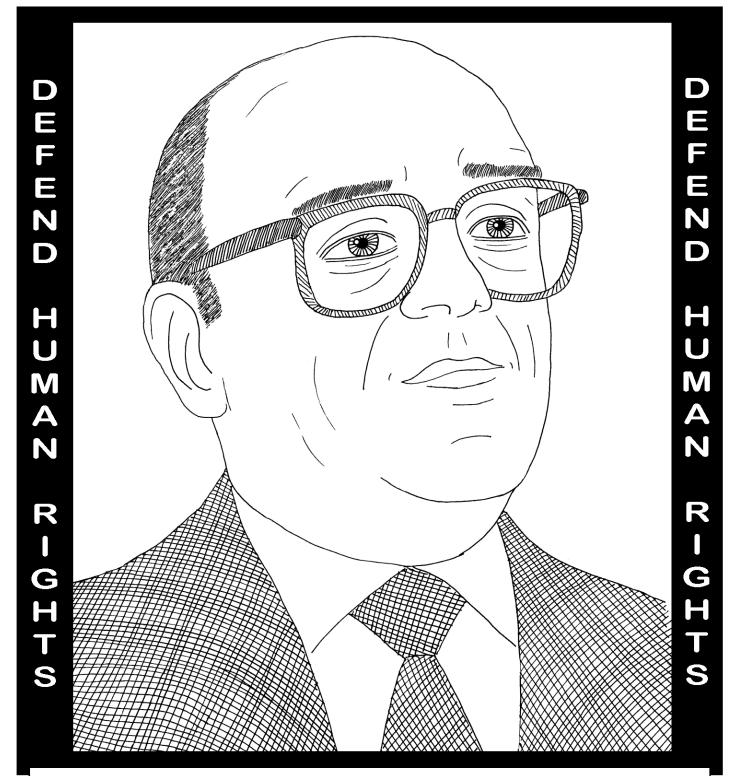
-- Eleanor Roosevelt

#### Be a Hero for a Better World - betterworld.net

D E F E Z 田F田Ζ D D H U M M A A N R R G G Н S S

"Freedom means the supremacy of human rights everywhere.

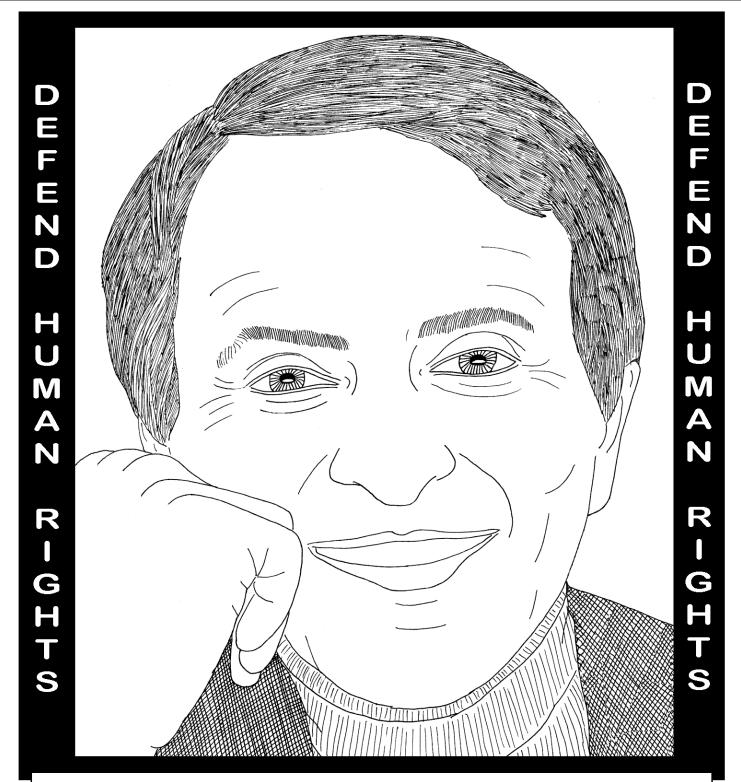
Our support goes to those who struggle to gain
those rights or keep them."
-- Franklin D. Roosevelt



"The indigenous peoples understand that they have to recover their cultural identity...They also understand that this is not a favor or a concession, but simply their natural right to be recognized as belonging to a culture that is distinct from the Western culture, a culture in which they have to live their own faith."

-- Bishop Samuel Ruiz Garcia

### Be a Hero for a Better World - betterworld.net



"In every country, we should be teaching our children the scientific method and the reasons for a Bill of Rights. With it comes a certain decency, humility and community spirit. In the demon-haunted world that we inhabit by virtue of being human, this may be all that stands between us and the enveloping darkness."

-- Carl Sagan

D 田F田Ζ 田 F 田 Z D D waaddaaddaaaa HU M M A A N G S

"Silence in the face of injustice is complicity with the opressor."
-- Ginetta Sagan

D E F E Z E F E Z D D M M A I G H T G S

"I want my child to walk in a world guided by love. This means that everybody will have a job, or the resources to take care of basic needs. A world where families are not oppressed and are connected to their neighbors and their communities, where the best in humanity is honored. That's when we will truly be at peace."

-- Malika Sanders

### Be a Hero for a Better World - betterworld.net

A MANUAL D D 田下田乙 D D H M M A R G G S

"Human rights are not a privilege conferred by government.

They are every human being's entitlement by virtue of his humanity."

-- Mother Teresa

### Be a Hero for a Better World - betterworld.net

ロヨチョンロ M A RIGHTS

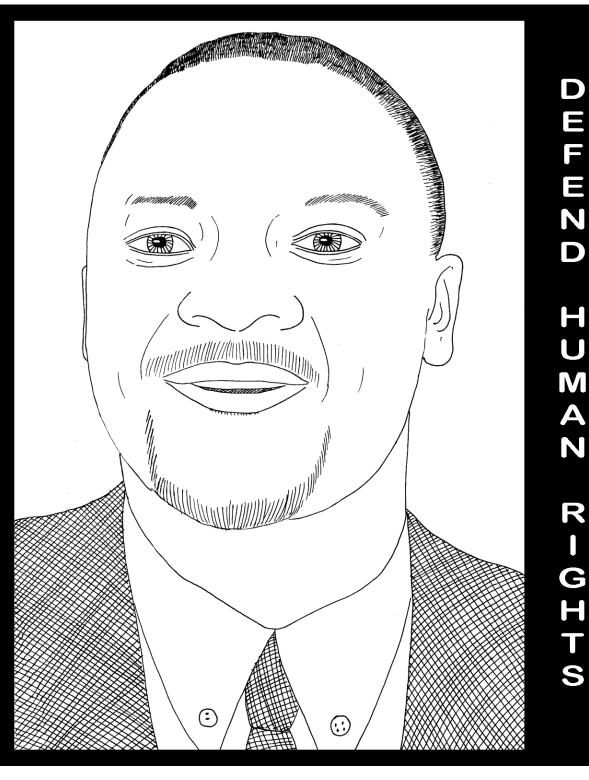


M

"The Universal Declaration of Human Rights - This great and inspiring instrument was born of an increased sense of responsibility by the international community for the promotion and protection of man's basic rights and freedoms. The world has come to a clear realization of the fact that freedom, justice and world peace can only be assured through the international promotion and protection of these rights and freedoms."

-- U Thant

E F E Z G



"African leaders and the international community must demand that the government of Zimbabwe stop its violence against political opponents; create a democratic environment through the repeal of repressive legislation; enact a democratic constitution; and hold free, fair elections that are supervised by the international community."

-- Arnold Tsunga

E F E Z D 田F田Ζ D H H U M M A A R Ġ G HTS S 

"It means a great deal to those who are oppressed to know that they are not alone. And never let anyone tell you that what you are doing is insignificant."

-- Archbishop Desmond Tutu

### Be a Hero for a Better World - betterworld.net

ロードョソロ E F E Z D MANATARI MA M A **IGHTS** 

"Today, I wish that the millions of displaced people would be able to return with the necessary conditions of safety and dignity, that people in exile could return to their home-country as the intelligence is needed, that cruelty, political killings, poverty and hunger cease. I wish that our people recover their dignity, truth is revealed and justice exists."

-- Alirio Uribe Muñoz

#### Be a Hero for a Better World - betterworld.net

D 田F田Ζ 田F田Ζ D D H U M M A N R R . G H G S S

"We must take sides.

Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim.

Silence encourages the tormentors, not the tormented."

-- Elie Wiesel

E F E Z

DEFEZ H U M A R G T S

"I want people to be aware. Aware of how many men and women are in prison.

Aware of the products made in China by prison labor: the toys, the footballs,
the surgical gloves. Aware of what life is like under forced labor.

Aware of the so-called crimes that send people there.

This is a human rights issue, not one of imports and exports."

-- Harry Wu

#### Be a Hero for a Better World - betterworld.net

ロヨチョスロ M A R I G HTS

"...civil society has not lost the possibility to influence the government and force them to change their policy.

That is why we believe in your voice and your help."

-- Lida Yusupova

#### Be a Hero for a Better World - betterworld.net

D E F E Z 田 F 田 Ζ D D H H M M A A N R R G G S

> "I have defended democracy, human rights, and brotherhood between peoples. And I'll keep doing so for as long as I live." -- Leyla Zana

#### Be a Hero for a Better World - betterworld.net

