



**RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE FOUNTAIN AND WALK AT MARIN AVENUE**

WHEREAS, The Fountain and Walk at The Circle at Marin Avenue, designed and built in 1911 and envisioned to be the grand entrance to the California State Capitol at Berkeley, has become the quintessential icon of the Northbrae neighborhood, symbolizing the grace, history and natural influences of early 20th century life and architecture in Berkeley ; and

WHEREAS, The American Planning Association designated the Northbrae neighborhood as one of the “2011 Great Neighborhoods” of the United States, citing, in part, the fountain and the streets and walk radiating from it as elements of excellent early 20th Century urban planning; and

WHEREAS, The Fountain, a victim of disrepair and deterioration for almost 40 years, was resurrected in 1996 through a community-wide campaign of donors, volunteers, artisans and builders; and

WHEREAS, Since 1996 the fountain maintenance - including pump repair, graffiti abatement, landscaping – has been done by a dedicated group of local volunteers led by Sara Holmes, who now envision the repair of the balustrade along Fountain Walk as the next step in the revitalization of The Circle; and

WHEREAS, For a century, The Fountain and Walk have brought joy, a sense of neighborhood identity and civic pride to the citizens of North Berkeley.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BERKELEY, do hereby recognize the 100th Anniversary of The Fountain and Walk at The Circle at Marin Avenue, and honor and commend Sara Holmes and the many other volunteers and supporters who have worked so hard to maintain and honor this beautiful piece of Berkeley.



Tom Bates, Mayor



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Date