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CONSENT CALENDAR

April 30, 2013

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Councilmember Kriss Worthington
 Subject: Proclamation in Honor of the 1st Annual Himalayan Film Festival in Berkeley

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a proclamation in honor of the 1st Annual Himalayan Film Festival in Berkeley set to take place May 15-19, 2013.

BACKGROUND

The Himalayan Film Festival will debut at The Elmwood Theater in Berkeley on Wednesday, May 15. On May 18 and 19 screenings will take place at the Live Oak Theater during the Himalayan Fair.

Northern California has a strong connection to the Himalayas. Taking place in conjunction with The Himalayan Fair, which hosts 6,000 people each year, The Himalayan Film Festival will add an important educational and cultural event to the region and the fair, will promote discussion, education and advocacy alongside its film screenings.

Festival organizers are reaching out for community support to ensure a successful inaugural year with the intention of making it an annual event. Audience outreach will include advertising in local newspapers, radio stations, blogs, event calendars, poster and generating media interest through film debuts and filmmaker interviews.

Some of the films that will be screened are : The Road To Peace, State of Control, When Hari Got Married, Old Dog, Highway; No Look Pass; The Sari Soldiers; Soongava, Dance of the Orchids; Bitter Seeds, Beneath Everest, Leaving Fear Behind, Honey Hunters of Nepal, Himalayan Gold Rush, Into The Current

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

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Attachment:

1. Himalayan Film Festival Proclamation

IN HONOR OF FIRST ANNUAL HIMALAYAN FILM FESTIVAL IN BERKELEY

WHEREAS, Northern California has a strong connection to the Himalayas, where Berkeley has hosted the Annual Himalayan Fair for 30 years; and

WHEREAS, The Himalayan Film Festival has been added to the Annual Himalayan Fair to include important educational and cultural events to the fair, with the goal to promote discussion, education and advocacy alongside its film screenings; and

WHEREAS, On Wednesday, May 15th the Himalayan Film Festival will debut at the Elmwood Theater in Berkeley and on May 18th and 19th screenings will take place at the Live Oak Theater during the Himalayan Fair; and

WHEREAS, films that will be screened are: The Road To Peace, State of Control, When Hari Got Married, Old Dog, Highway; No Look Pass; The Sari Soldiers; Soongava, Dance of the Orchids; Bitter Seeds, Beneath Everest, Leaving Fear Behind, Honey Hunters of Nepal, Himalayan Gold Rush, Into The Current.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Berkeley that it hereby recognizes and honors the Himalayan Film Festival which enriches the Berkeley community.