



**IN CELEBRATION OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF BERKELEY**

- WHEREAS,** First Baptist Church of Berkeley has been a part of our community since its founding in 1889; and
- WHEREAS,** First Baptist was involved in the founding of such institutions as the Berkeley Public Library and the Young Men's Christian Association; and
- WHEREAS,** The church has maintained a steady, faithful presence in our Southside neighborhood, serving students, families, and those in need through organizations such as the International Visitors Program, the East Bay Sanctuary Covenant, the Berkeley Food Pantry, the Berkeley Ecumenical Chaplaincy for the Homeless, and the American Baptist Seminary of the West; and
- WHEREAS,** In 1993, the church was among the first in Berkeley to take the bold step of officially becoming a welcoming and affirming congregation for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered community; and
- WHEREAS,** The church continues to be a progressive voice and compassionate presence, seeking to live out the good news of God's love for all people.

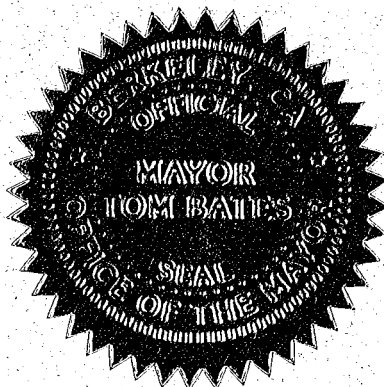
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, TOM BATES,** Mayor of the City of Berkeley, do hereby celebrate the one-hundred twenty-fifth anniversary of

**First Baptist Church of Berkeley**

in recognition and gratitude of the integral part the church plays in our community through its ministry and services.

*Tom Bates*

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Mayor



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