



### PROCLAIMING HONEY BEE AWARENESS DAY

**WHEREAS,** Honey bees are essential partners of gardeners, farmers, ranchers, and the natural environment, supplying food sources for humans and animals as well as pollinating one third of the food we consume; and

**WHEREAS,** Honey bees pollinate over 90 food crops and assure the ability of families to maintain food sovereignty; and


**WHEREAS,** Gardening groups, community gardens homeowners, school children, nature lovers, and commercial food producers recognize that honey bees provide significant environmental benefits necessary for maintaining healthy, bio-diverse ecosystems; and

**WHEREAS,** Honey bee pollination plays a vital role in the health of our national forests, grasslands, and wetlands, all areas which provide forage, fish, wildlife, and recreational opportunities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, TOM BATES,** Mayor of the city of Berkeley, do hereby declare August 16, 2014 as

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and urge all citizens to support the continued flourishing of honey bees in our communities, gardens, parks, forests, and farms throughout the year.

  
Tom Bates  
Mayor



August 16, 2014