

City of Berkeley Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION OF BERKELEY PATIENTS GROUP FOR 15 YEARS OF SERVICE TO BERKELEY

WHEREAS, In 1996, over 80 percent of Berkeley voters supported the Compassionate Use Act, which legalized and regulated the use of marijuana as medicine; and

WHEREAS, In 1999, medical cannabis patient Jim McClelland founded the Berkeley Patients Group to provide safe and affordable access to quality medicine for patients suffering from AIDS, cancer, glaucoma, multiple sclerosis, chronic pain, and other serious illnesses; and

WHEREAS, Berkeley Patients Group has provided life-enhancing services to its patients, and has worked tirelessly to self-regulate and establish industry best-practices while keeping its commitment to putting patients before all else by providing free medicine through their Helping Hands program to their patients in need; and

WHEREAS, Berkeley Patients Group has been a leader in promoting sustainability in the cannabis industry in California and has worked, both locally and nationally, to promote the growth of a responsible and legitimate cannabis industry and work for a favorable social, economic, and legal environment for this industry; and

WHEREAS, Berkeley Patients Group is a regular contributor to a variety of social causes and organizations that work to improve the lives of their patients and the Berkeley community-at-large; and

WHEREAS, On Friday, October 31, 2014, Berkeley Patients Group celebrated its fifteenth anniversary, making it the nation's longest continuously operating medical cannabis dispensary.

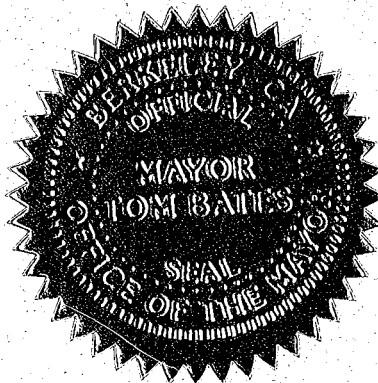
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor Tom Bates, on behalf of the City of Berkeley declares Friday, October 31, 2014 as

Berkeley Patients Group Day

for their 15 years of service to our community and the immense amount of philanthropic activities in Berkeley.

Tom Bates

Tom Bates
Mayor



October 31, 2014