



City of Berkeley Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION OF THE BERKELEY FILM FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, The Berkeley Film Foundation is an innovative, nonprofit organization founded in 2009 by the City of Berkeley, Wareham Development, and the Saul Zaentz Company with the mission to nurture, sustain and, preserve the thriving local film community while attracting the next generation of filmmakers; and

WHEREAS, The Berkeley Film Foundation focuses on supporting social, historical, and innovative documentary and dramatic works and documentaries funded by the Foundation have tackled ambitious topics such as mental illness, civil and human rights, gender, the environment, economic policy, and other important issues; and

WHEREAS, Since its founding in 2009, the Berkeley Film Foundation has awarded nearly \$1 million to over 100 films of local filmmakers who live or work in Berkeley, Emeryville, El Cerrito, Albany, Richmond, and, beginning this year, Oakland; and

WHEREAS, Berkeley Film Foundation funded films have been nominated for and received numerous prestigious awards, including an Academy Award nomination, and have screened at film festivals around the world, including at Sundance, Tribeca, SilverDocs, San Francisco International Film Festival, Berlin Film Festival, Mill Valley Film Festival, and have been broadcast on PBS and HBO, while still others have had major theatrical releases.

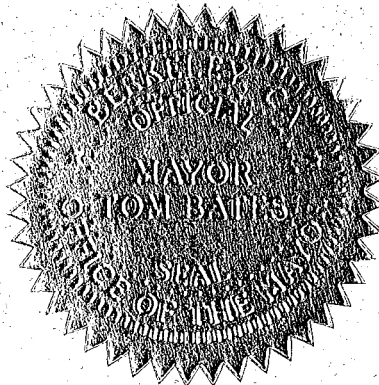
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Tom Bates, Mayor of the City of Berkeley, do hereby recognize the

Berkeley Film Foundation

for supporting film and the arts through our local filmmakers in the Berkeley and greater East Bay community.

Tom Bates

Tom Bates
Mayor



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