

City of Berkeley Proclamation

IN HONOR OF RUTH BOSSIEU

WHEREAS, Ruth Bossieu, who was born 80 years ago today, began her growing up in Berkeley with her grandmother, whose house was on the corner of Oregon and McGee; and

WHEREAS, She walked to Longfellow School, where her first-grade teacher, Miss Toner, had also been her father's first-grade teacher; she then attended Burbank Jr. High; and she graduated from Berkeley High in 1954; and

WHEREAS, She began her dance training at the age of four with a Russian ballet dancer and continued classes at the San Francisco Ballet; and

WHEREAS, Ruth received her most important training from the superb modern dancer Mimi Kagan, and when she reached 18, she trained in Los Angeles and then in New York; and

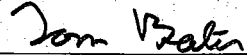
WHEREAS, In 1971, she created and directed an outreach program for the San Francisco Ballet called the Dance-In-Schools program, which continues to serve children in the San Francisco Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, She has taught at the Shawl-Anderson Dance Center and for the late Gloria Unti, Founder and Director of the Performing Arts Workshop, as well as for the Oakland, Richmond, and Berkeley Unified School Districts.

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

Ruth Bossieu

for her contributions to ballet and the performing arts in Berkeley and beyond.



Tom Bates
Mayor



May 24, 2015