



**IN HONOR OF RAZ KENNEDY**

- WHEREAS,** Raz Kennedy is an accomplished vocal coach, producer, performing artist, and social activist, who has created a legacy for over 40 years that rivals that of the music industry's finest; and
- WHEREAS,** Raz Kennedy's depth of knowledge and expertise in the field of voice has positioned him to collaborate with a culturally diverse roster of musical luminaries with eclectic performance credits that include serving as a founding member of the internationally acclaimed Bobby McFerrin's Voicestra and performing as a backing vocalist for many legendary artists including Narada Michael Walden, Whitney Houston, Mickey Hart, Sting, and Al Jarreau; and
- WHEREAS,** Raz has numerous Gold and Platinum records to his credit and he has worked with thousands of singers including members of Metallica, Adam Duritz of Counting Crows, Davey Havok of AFI, members of Los Tigres Del Norte, and the late Clarence Clemons from Bruce Springsteen's E Street Band; and
- WHEREAS,** Raz is an active faculty member at California Jazz Conservatory in Berkeley and Blue Bear School of Music in San Francisco, two of the Bay Area's most prestigious music-study institutes, he served as a governor and board member for the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences for six years, and he has been a guest instructor in the United States, Latin America, and Europe at institutions that include the East Bay Center for the Performing Arts, Cazadero Music Camp, Jazz Camp West, SF Jazz Center, Stanford Jazz, GRAMMY in the Schools, and West Coast Songwriters; and
- WHEREAS,** Raz is a staunch supporter of the Black Lives Matter movement as well as a wide array of progressive social-justice causes and his mission is to advocate for and assist anyone who desires to experience the liberating power that can be attained through singing as artistic expression.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Tom Bates, Mayor of the City of Berkeley do hereby declare July 19, 2016 as**

**RAZ KENNEDY DAY.**



*Tom Bates*

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Mayor

July 19, 2019