



IN HONOR OF MĀHEALANI UCHIYAMA

WHEREAS, Māhealani Uchiyama is a recognized expert in Polynesian performing arts and is an award-winning dancer, choreographer and recording artist; and

WHEREAS, she is the founder and director of the Mahea Uchiyama Center for International Dance in Berkeley, California, the creator and director of the annual Kāpili Polynesian Dance and Music Workshops, and the co-artistic director of the San Francisco Ethnic Dance Festival; and

WHEREAS, she is the author of The Haumāna Hula Handbook, which was published by Penguin Random House and North Atlantic Books; and

WHEREAS, she has encouraged the appreciation of true diversity and has created a welcoming community centered on the performance arts of the world in which her students have access to high-level, inclusive, and culturally specific dance and music education.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Susan Wengraf, Vice Mayor of the City of Berkeley, do hereby declare January 22, 2019 as

MĀHEALANI UCHIYAMA DAY

in the City of Berkeley.

