

## PROCLAMATION

### **RECOGNIZING THE ROTARY CLUB OF HERCULES FOR PROVIDING OVER 32 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE HERCULES COMMUNITY AND FOR THE RECENT WORK ON THE HERCULES HERITAGE GARDEN RENOVATION PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, founded in Chicago in 1905, Rotary is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders with over 1.2 million members in over 35,000 clubs whose mission is to provide service to others, eradicate polio worldwide, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rotary Club of Hercules (aka HRC Rotary Club which encompasses Hercules, Rodeo, and Crockett) received its charter in February 1986 and represents a wide cross section of local businesses and professions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rotary Club of Hercules has financially and otherwise supported a variety of activities and programs internationally, regionally, and locally, as part of their commitment to “Service Above Self” including:

Enhancing schools in Chacala, Mexico; and,

Supporting the Richmond Rotocare Medical Clinic volunteer staff who provide medical services to uninsured workers and their family and friends every Tuesday evening; and,

Assisting with the Community Swim Center Cabling Project, Citizens Academy, and Camp Royal in Hercules; and

**WHEREAS**, over the last year, the Rotary Club of Hercules member’s dedication to enhancing the community’s quality of life is evident by participation annually in the Community Tree Lighting, the Library Book Sales, the Bayfront Run, the Kids Expo, and the Citywide Clean Up; and

**WHEREAS**, over the last 15 months, the Rotary Club of Hercules provided leadership and funding to complete a renovation of the Hercules Heritage Garden; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rotary Club of Hercules raised over \$17,500 in actual and in-kind funds for the Heritage Garden Project from a Pasta Feed Dinner, and from other sources including Phillips 66, Christina Wagstaff in memory of John Cadigan, Annie’s Annuals & Perennials for plants, and Republic Services for soil amendments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rotary Club of Hercules brought together over 50 different volunteers from the Rotary Club of Hercules, Hercules High School Interactors, Rotarians from San Pablo & Pinole, family members of Rotarians, and various community members to donate over 400 hours of labor at the Heritage Garden Project over the last year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Heritage Garden Project involved coordinating all the logistics of over 12 workdays including removing dead plant life; cleaning retaining walls, monument plaques and pathways; amending the soil in the planter areas; painting the seven continent outlines; painting and staining the City’s monument sign; bringing in new irrigation; planting over 400 succulent plants, more than 200 flower bulbs, and numerous flower seed; relocating grey rocks and replacing with 5 tons of Oro Verde green rocks; and planting 25 large, medium and small trees to mostly replace those which had died; and,

**WHEREAS**, a re-dedication ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the community on Sunday, June 3, 2018,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** that I, Chris Kelley, Mayor of the City of Hercules, on behalf of the entire City Council and the Hercules community, do hereby recognize the Rotary Club of Hercules for its 32 years of service to the community, and especially thank their small fourteen member club for this year’s extensive dedication to the reinvigoration of the Hercules Heritage Garden in order to encourage the community to reflect on the past, connect with the present and respect for the future.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Hercules to be affixed this 10th day of July 2018.

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Chris Kelley, Mayor