

IN HONOR OF THE BOSS URSULA SHERMAN VILLAGE PROGRAM

since 1975 BOSS' Ursula Sherman Village Program, formerly known as both 'Harrison House' and the WHEREAS, Berkeley Emergency Shelter,' has been a sanctuary for homeless individuals and families in Berkeley to get back on their feet and seek new opportunities; and

Ursula Sherman Village, with its community orientation and holistic street-to-housing array of services WHEREAS, and dedicated staff to help homeless participants overcome any and all obstacles, serves as a model for similar projects across the state and the nation; and

with its organic gardens, innovative Children's Learning Center, outdoor play area, adult computer lab, WHEREAS, and life-skills classes that provide tutoring, skill building, and health-focused activities for both kids and adults, Ursula Sherman Village is a place where wisdom is dispensed and knowledge, confidence, and hope are gained; and

BOSS continues to maintain and improve the services offered despite increasing needs and a WHEREAS, challenging funding environment, as embodied in the completion of the most recent renovations: an expanded kitchen and dining area; redone bathrooms; 'green' mechanical, electrical, & plumbing systems; new classrooms; and new storage space; and

first started in honor of lifelong civil-rights activist Ursula Sherman, a founder of BOSS described by WHEREAS, Ellie Shapiro as "getting the most joy out of creating something where nothing was before," Ursula Sherman Village has been the living embodiment of the love, compassion, and community spirit that makes her vision possible every day since opening.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, TOM BATES, Mayor of the City of Berkeley, honor and celebrate

the BOSS Ursula Sherman Village Program

for the community it has created and sustained it through the years providing extraordinary service on behalf of homeless families and individuals in the Bay Area and its recent renovations.

Tom Bates Mayor

