



IN HONOR OF SUZY THOMPSON

WHEREAS, Folk singer Suzy Thompson has been an icon of traditional American music for four decades as a performer, a community organizer, an educator, and an ardent advocate for the arts in the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, She created the annual Berkeley Old Time Music Convention that celebrates the musical heritage of the American South, drawing people from across the country; and

WHEREAS, Suzy's recorded albums have won national awards, the most recent being "They All Played for Us" featuring her 1970s band, the Any Old Time String Band; and

WHEREAS, Suzy has served as Chair of the Berkeley Civic Arts Commission for eight years and has represented the city of Berkeley at countless music festivals as both a performer and an advocate of the arts; and

WHEREAS, She was appointed Artistic Director of the Festival of American Fiddle Tunes in 2011.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, TOM BATES, Mayor of the City of Berkeley do hereby proclaim Wednesday, January 8, 2014 as

Suzy Thompson Day

in the City of Berkeley in recognition and gratitude for her many contributions to the City, the community, and the arts.



Tom Bates
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Mayor

January 8, 2014