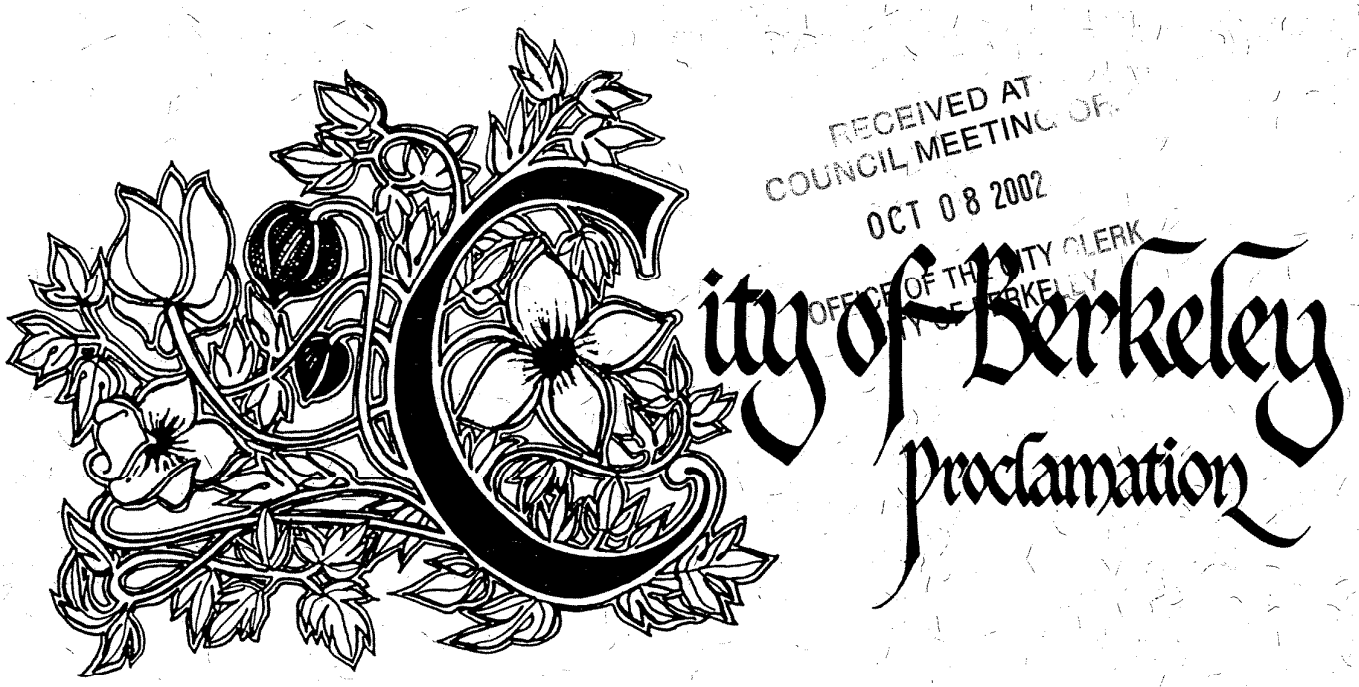

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PROCLAIM OCTOBER 12th AS BOB DYLAN DAY

WHEREAS, We honor Robert Zimmerman, known to his fans around the world as Bob Dylan, and his contributions to music; and

WHEREAS, Robert Zimmerman was born in a small town in Minnesota. From these humble beginnings he followed the spirit of Woody Guthrie and performed the folk circuit of New York City's coffee houses in the Village, and then traveled across America with his own style of music, moving westward to become one of California's most legendary artist of the 20th and 21st centuries; and

WHEREAS, Bob Dylan's performances and collaborations with Wavy Gravy, Robert Hunter, the Grateful Dead and Joan Baez transformed Bay Area music into a rich, colorful history that to this day remain timeless in a continuum of sound and poetic heart; and

WHEREAS, From the early songs of political protest to his search for spirituality, to the unearthing of America's folk, country and blues roots like Woody Guthrie, Leadbelly, Odetta, and Hank Williams, to the deeply personal stories of life's experience, Bob Dylan has transcended the boundaries of Folk, Rock, Gospel, Country and Blues by painting musical masterpieces that have reached out and influenced countless musicians such as The Beatles, Rolling Stones, Stevie Wonder, Eddie Vedder, Emmy Lou Harris, Johnny Cash, Joni Mitchelle, Chris Robinson, Sheryl Crow, and Bruce Springsteen to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Bob Dylan has not forgotten the roots that bind us all – our humanity. He has performed for many causes, benefits and tributes such as Live Aid, Artists Against Apartheid, Farm Aid, Crossroads benefit with Eric Clapton, the Bridge School for Handicapped Children, a civil rights rally in Mississippi, a tribute to Martin Luther King Jr., performing with Rolling Thunder, and benefits for the release of Hurricane Carter, a boxer imprisoned for a murder he did not commit; and

WHEREAS, The consummate showman, Bob Dylan has been entertaining people worldwide as a recording and performing artist for more than 40 years. He has toured endlessly over the last 16 years, and has sold more than 60 million albums; and

WHEREAS, Berkeley freelance music writer Shannon Snead honored Bob Dylan in his recent article May the Tour Never End and joins the City of Berkeley in honoring his music legacy; and

WHEREAS, Bob Dylan is an everyday hero and music star that has received numerous awards as an American singer-songwriter such as several Grammys including the Lifetime Achievement Award, Album of the Year, inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, a Golden Globe, an Oscar, an honorary doctorate of music from Princeton, the Commandeur des Artes et des Lettres from France, the National Medal of the Arts, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, and nominated several times for a Nobel Prize in Literature; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Berkeley City Council does hereby honor Bob Dylan and proclaims

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in the City of Berkeley and invites all citizens and residents of Berkeley to reflect on his remarkable music and achievements.

Mayor Shirley Dean	Vice Mayor Maudelle Shirek	Councilmember Linda Maio
Councilmember Margaret Breland	Councilmember Dona Spring	Councilmember Miriam Hawley
Councilmember Betty Olds	Councilmember Kriss Worthington	Councilmember Polly Armstrong