

City of Long Beach

California

PROCLAMATION

presented to

Dianne Swanson

Whereas, Dianne is a strong advocate for agricultural education; successfully integrating agriculture into the very urbanized community of Long Beach where students typically would not be aware of where their food comes from or how to grow it; and

Whereas, in her eight years as a teacher, Ms. Swanson has been able to tie teaching subjects such as science, math, history, social studies and art to the garden and meet state content standards through multiple agriculture-related lessons and activities; and

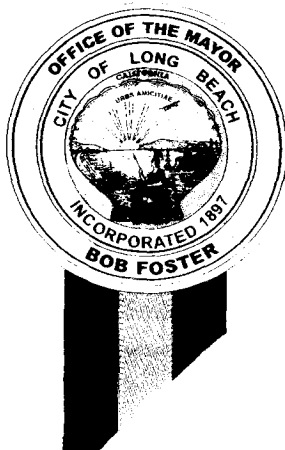
Whereas, she created and cultivated the beautiful Los Cerritos Elementary School garden named The Urban Farmyard; which was featured throughout A Child's Garden of Standards published by the CA Department of Education; and

Whereas, Dianne is an active Los Angeles County Master Gardener and has utilized the school garden to help teach low-income residents of the county how to grow food; and

Whereas, she is actively involved in the 48th Agricultural District, has implemented a chapter of the Jane Goodall Institute's Youth Humanitarian Organization entitled "Roots and Shoots" and is a founding member of the California School Garden Network; and

Whereas, Diane has been named Outstanding Teacher of the Year for 2007 by the California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom;

Now, Therefore, We, Bob Foster, Mayor of Long Beach and Rae Gabelich, 8th District Councilwoman, do hereby commend Dianne Swanson for her dedication to bringing agriculture into the classroom, school and the local community. The City of Long Beach is extremely fortunate to have such a committed and talented woman. Congratulations, Dianne, on your achievements and on receiving this prestigious award.



Bob Foster

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 MAYOR

Rae Gabelich

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 Councilwoman, 8th District

Dated: March 6, 2007