



## PROCLAMATION

presented to

### "Mascot Day" in Long Beach

~ February 25, 2007 ~

*Whereas*, the ability to make people all over the world smile and glad in their hearts, reminiscent of childhood when summer days were long and cares were less, is a gift shared by those who understand the need to relax, watch the world go by and enjoy the moment; and

*Whereas*, motivating crowds in stadiums, gymnasiums, ballparks, arenas, shopping malls, zoos, high schools, colleges and even pool side; to the highest levels of enthusiasm and teams of men and women in all sports: football, basketball, baseball, volleyball, swimming, wrestling and HOCKEY to victory requires dedication, resilience, grace under pressure, devotion, spirit and the love of competition; and

*Whereas*, for those whose mission in life of donning a costume of fur, feathers, rubber and foam so that others can take pleasure in life more, gaining no personal glory, living incognito behind a mask of chicken wire, taking prat-falls, playing games, sitting on laps, "borrowing popcorn", shooting their giant squirt guns, bouncing their bellies, riding motor scooters and dancing to whatever is the latest craze is a dream come true; and

*Whereas*, for years they have been silently among us for our pleasure and enjoyment wearing outlandish costumes and enduring the elements that are encountered within them, although they are here to entertain you, they also entertain themselves. If not for you, the fans, they could not have that perfect parallel to entertain as they do;

*Now, Therefore* I, Bob Foster, Mayor of Long Beach on behalf of the City Council do hereby proclaim February 25, 2007 to be "Mascot Day" in Long Beach, California.



  
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Bob Foster  
MAYOR

Dated: February 13, 2007