



PROCLAMATION

presented for

Smithsonian Week in Long Beach

March 5 - 11, 2006

Whereas, the Arts Council for Long Beach is the nonprofit Arts Council for the City of Long Beach; and

Whereas, in 1999 the Arts Council for Long Beach entered into a 10-year agreement with the Smithsonian Institution on behalf of the City of Long Beach; and

Whereas, there are now 93 Smithsonian affiliates across America: 92 museums, but only one city --- Long Beach, California; and

Whereas, the Arts Council for Long Beach invites you to Look, Listen and Learn while Max Alvarez, Film Historian and Smithsonian Select Scholar; Footworks, Percussive Dance ensemble and Smithsonian Select Performers; and a Smithsonian Select Scholar specializing in car culture and transportation visit 22 schools and appear at six public events throughout Long Beach; and

Whereas, community patrons and sponsors were joined with the City of Long Beach to ensure continued success of Smithsonian Week;

Now, Therefore, I, Beverly O'Neill, Mayor of the City of Long Beach, on behalf of the Long Beach City Council, do hereby declare the week of Sunday, March 5 through Saturday, March 11, 2006 to be "Smithsonian Week in Long Beach".



Beverly O'Neill
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MAYOR

Dated: March 7, 2006



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American Diabetes Association's
Walk for Diabetes Day

March 11, 2006

Whereas, more than 20.8 million Americans, including 50,000 in Long Beach, have diabetes, a serious disease that currently has no cure; and

Whereas, diabetes is the fifth deadliest disease in the United States; and

Whereas, an estimated 14.6 million people have been diagnosed with diabetes, 6.2 million people are unaware that they have the disease, and more than 224,092 Americans will die each year from the complications of diabetes; and

Whereas, individuals whose diabetes goes undiagnosed and untreated are subject to any of its life-threatening complications, such as blindness, heart disease, kidney disease, stroke, and leg or foot amputations; and

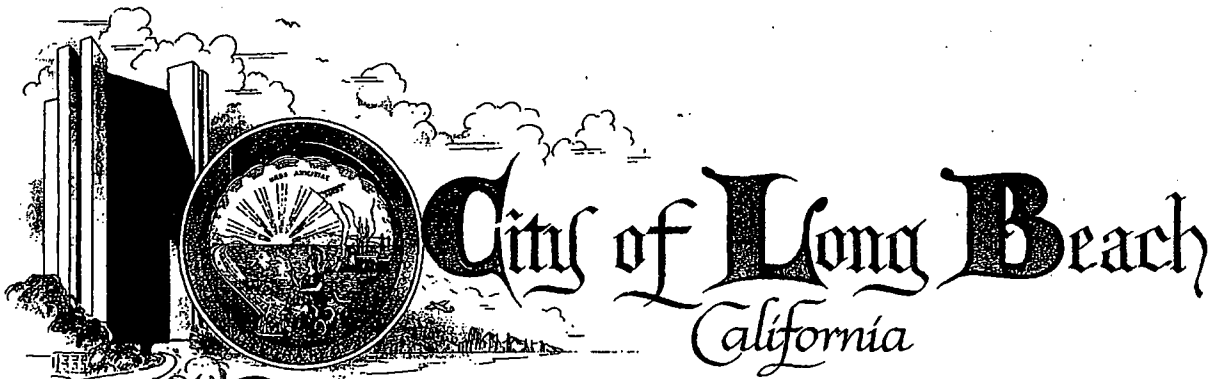
Whereas, an increase in community awareness of diabetes, it's human impact, and the work of the American Diabetes Association, may stimulate public action to increase research toward a cure, and encourage better treatments for people with diabetes until that cure is found;

Now, Therefore, I, Beverly O'Neill, Mayor of the City of Long Beach, on behalf of the Long Beach City Council, do hereby proclaim March 11, 2006 American Diabetes Association's "Walk for Diabetes Day" in the City of Long Beach and encourage the entire community to support Walk for Diabetes Day.



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MAYOR

Dated: March 7, 2006



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Long Beach Reads One Book

March 12-18, 2006

Whereas, the Long Beach Public Library Foundation will launch its fifth citywide reading project Book Week 2006 which brings residents, students, educators, businesses, and community based organizations together to raise the standards of literacy citywide by encouraging everyone in Long Beach to read the same book; and

Whereas, the Port of Long Beach is to be thanked and commended as the first ever title sponsor of Book Week for providing a full classroom set of books for all participants and for hosting teacher training for 37 junior and senior high school teachers taught by author and Professor Carolyn See on writing essays; and

Whereas, this year's book is *My California*, an anthology of essays written by twenty-seven contemporary California authors evoking the themes of family, community, pride of belonging, the immigrant experience and the opportunity for the reader to consider his or her own California or Long Beach story; and

Whereas, Long Beach Reads One Book promotes citywide public discussion and programs involving 12 *My California* authors at the Long Beach Museum of Art, California State University Long Beach, Long Beach Community College, The Center Theatre, Barnes & Noble, Rancho Los Cerritos and at all 12 Long Beach Neighborhood Libraries; and

Whereas, the Long Beach Public Library Foundation has been providing after-school homework assistance for almost a decade through its twelve Family Learning Centers which last year alone logged 32,656 student visits; and

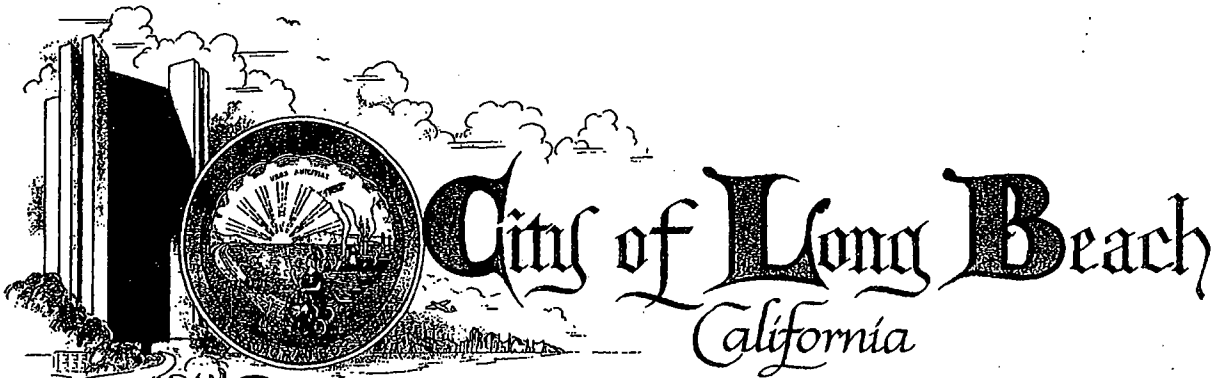
Whereas, the Long Beach Public Library Foundation prepares preschool children for school through the Raising A Reader Long Beach program which teaches parents to read aloud with their preschool children each day, making family reading part of the daily home ritual;

Now, Therefore, I, Beverly O'Neill, Mayor of the City of Long Beach, on behalf of the Long Beach City Council, do hereby proclaim March 12th through the 18th to be Book Week 2006, and encourage all Long Beach residents to read *My California* and write your own Long Beach story.



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MAYOR

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National Donate Life Month

April 2006

Whereas, in 2003 President Bush first announced that the month of April will be observed as National Donate Life Month, a time to raise public awareness of the critical need for organ, tissue, marrow, and bone donation; and

Whereas, organ and tissue donation is a life-giving act recognized worldwide as the greatest expression of compassion; and

Whereas, more than 90,000 individuals nationwide and 17,000 in California are currently on the national organ transplant waitlist, and every 90 minutes one person dies while waiting for a donated organ; and

Whereas, an individual's donation of the heart, lungs, liver, kidneys, pancreas and small intestine can save up to seven lives, and donation of tissue can save and enhance the lives of up to 50 others; and

Whereas, each year 25,000 lives are saved and the quality of life for many others is enhanced by organ and tissue transplantation; and

Whereas, all persons are encouraged to donate organs, tissues, marrow, and blood to provide for better and more timely transplant matches, because matching donor organs to potential recipients requires genetic similarities (factors) which can vary by race or ethnicity, and patients are more likely to find matches among donors of their same race or ethnicity; and

Whereas, many bereaved families find a measure of comfort in donating organs and tissue so that others may benefit;

Now, Therefore, I, Beverly O'Neill, Mayor of the City of Long Beach, on behalf of the Long Beach City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2006 as "National Donate Life Month" and encourage all citizens to learn the facts about organ and tissue donation and to consider becoming a potential lifesaving donor.



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MAYOR

Dated: March 7, 2006