



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** the Gardens at Heather Farm (GHF) is a volunteer based non-profit that thrives because of dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers; and
- WHEREAS,** it is the mission of GHF to inspire and educate our community about sustainable gardening and stewardship practices that preserve and protect our community; and
- WHEREAS,** GHF provides six acres of educational gardens and programs for youth, adults and persons with disabilities; and
- WHEREAS,** GHF has presented hands-on environmental science programs to children since 1984, conservatively estimating that 225,000 students have participated since the inception of the Natural Science Classroom. In 2010, 13,000 children participated in the GHF youth programs, either on-site in the gardens or in the classroom with mobile teaching kits; and
- WHEREAS,** GHF has developed 24 demonstration gardens on six acres of land leased from the City of Walnut Creek; and
- WHEREAS,** as a self supporting nonprofit, GHF has raised \$1.03 million for the construction of the Howard Center and an additional \$1.1 million for the installation of the gardens; and
- WHEREAS,** the noted Cowden Rose Garden features 1,000 rose bushes and includes 150 varietals; and
- WHEREAS,** last year nearly 300 volunteers invested more than 6,000 hours in supporting GHF, through garden maintenance, propagation, youth and adult programming, fundraisers, garden tours and administrative support.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Cindy Silva, Mayor of the City of Walnut Creek, on behalf of the City Council and the citizens of Walnut Creek, do hereby recognize and honor the Gardens at Heather Farm volunteers for their tireless efforts and I encourage all citizens to recognize and celebrate the volunteers.



Cindy Silva
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Mayor