

# Proclamation

Issued By The Mayor

WHEREAS, the Ghirardelli Chocolate Company is celebrating 160 years of premium chocolate production, having been founded in 1852 by Domingo Ghirardelli and building on its signature taste and time-honored manufacturing process to become America's premium chocolate company; and

WHEREAS, in 1967 the Ghirardelli Chocolate Company moved production from San Francisco to its current home on 139<sup>th</sup> Avenue in San Leandro and since then has played an important role in the San Leandro community, providing nearly 400 jobs in its corporate offices and manufacturing plant; and

WHEREAS, the Ghirardelli Chocolate Company is a strong supporter of the San Leandro community and community organizations, particularly the Boys and Girls Club of San Leandro as the lead sponsor of the annual Ghirardelli Golf Classic benefiting the Club and raising approximately \$50,000 to support the Club's programs; and

WHEREAS, Ghirardelli Chocolate Company is proud to be a Certified Green Business in Alameda County, having demonstrated its commitment to the environment by establishing a Sustainability Team to focus on energy and water conservation, solid waste reduction and recycling, and pollution prevention, while continuing to look for environmentally friendly ways to grow their brand and business.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Stephen H. Cassidy, Mayor of the City of San Leandro, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2012 as "**GHIRARDELLI CHOCOLATE MONTH**" in San Leandro and further proclaim Ghirardelli Chocolate to be the "**OFFICIAL CHOCOLATE OF SAN LEANDRO.**"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of San Leandro to be affixed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 2012.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Stephen H. Cassidy".

Mayor  
City of San Leandro, California