

Proclamation

Issued By The Mayor

WHEREAS, the sea otter is a symbol of wilderness, an integral part of California's natural ecosystem, and serves as an indicator for the overall health of California's nearshore marine ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, a growing awareness of the benefits of maintaining the health of the nearshore marine ecosystem has raised public interest in the sea otter; and

WHEREAS, the San Leandro shoreline is frequently visited by sea otters and other marine wildlife; and

WHEREAS, disease from a variety of sources, including land-based and biological pathogens, accounts for approximately 40% of the mortality of California sea otters in a given year; and

WHEREAS, the survival of the sea otter in California remains dependent upon continued public support and increased understanding of the essential role sea otters play in nature.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Stephen H. Cassidy, Mayor of the City of San Leandro, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim September 25 through October 1, 2011 as **"SEA OTTER AWARENESS WEEK"** in 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 6th day of September 2011.




Mayor
City of San Leandro, California