



PROCLAMATION

Presented By Supervisor Greg Cox

HONORING OLIVEWOOD GARDENS & LEARNING CENTER LIVE WELL SAN DIEGO DAY

WHEREAS, the health and well-being of citizens is of primary concern for the County of San Diego and on July 13, 2010 the San Diego County Board of Supervisors adopted the Live Well San Diego initiative to achieve the County's vision of safe, healthy and thriving communities; and

WHEREAS, Live Well San Diego is only possible through collective efforts such as that with Olivewood Gardens and Learning Center, which connects children and families to the natural environment through hands-on science, gardening, and cooking lessons in their organic gardens and kitchen on their beautiful National City property; and

WHEREAS, Olivewood has received over 38,000 visits since 2010, and has demonstrated a strong commitment to the children and families they serve by providing garden and nutrition education to those who need it most and can least afford it; and

WHEREAS, Olivewood provides standards-based nutrition education, lessons in sustainable agriculture, and environmental stewardship to children and families, delivering a critical message about caring for the environment and the connection between a healthy environment and healthy families; and

WHEREAS, Olivewood supports the integration of nutrition education into schools county-wide through its educator training academies that promote school gardens and nutrition education in the classroom and in 2013, Olivewood launched an innovative, free program for adults called Cooking for Salud!; and

WHEREAS, Olivewood served as one of the Regional Garden Education Centers through the Communities Putting Prevention to Work Healthy Works funding from the County of San Diego, and continues to offer gardening classes for community members; and

WHEREAS, Olivewood facilitated community involvement in transformation of unused National City land into a public gathering space called Butterfly Park, in partnership with The San Diego Foundation, the City of National City, the Pomegranate Center, and A Reason To Survive; and

WHEREAS, Olivewood Gardens & Learning Center is an active member of the Live Well San Diego South Region Leadership Team; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Diego is committed to recognizing and honoring community partners such as Olivewood Gardens & Learning Center that support the creation of healthier, more safe, and thriving environments; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT PROCLAIMED by Chairwoman Dianne Jacob and all members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on this 25th Day of October 2014, that they commend and hereby recognize **OLIVEWOOD GARDENS & LEARNING CENTER** for its outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to the health and safety of the children and families they serve, and do hereby declare this day to be "**OLIVEWOOD GARDENS & LEARNING CENTER LIVE WELL SAN DIEGO DAY**" throughout San Diego County.



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