



CITY OF SANTA CRUZ  
CALIFORNIA

# Mayor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS ON DECEMBER 18, 2001, FOLLOWING THE HORRIFYING ATTACKS ON THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, THE 107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CHOSE TO AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT TO DESIGNATE SEPTEMBER 11 OF EACH YEAR AS PATRIOT DAY (PUBLIC LAW 107-89); and
- WHEREAS ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2002, PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH PROCLAIMED THAT SEPTEMBER 11 SHOULD BE OBSERVED AS PATRIOT DAY; and
- WHEREAS MANY CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA, ARE CONCERNED THAT THE ETHICAL VALUES OF PATRIOTISM AND NATIONAL INTERESTS MAY BE CONTRARY TO HIGHER ETHICAL VALUES OF COSMOPOLITANISM, PEACE, COMPASSION, AND UNDERSTANDING; and
- WHEREAS THE INSTINCTIVE PARENTAL WISH FOR THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND HAPPINESS OF ONE'S CHILDREN CAN BE GENERALIZED TO THE BETTERMENT OF HUMAN SOCIETY; and
- WHEREAS EVERY PERSON OWES THEIR LIFE TO A MOTHER; and
- WHEREAS MOTHERHOOD IS A GIVING ACT THAT TRANSCENDS COMMERCIALIZATION; and
- WHEREAS THE SPIRIT OF MATERNITY IS ANTITHETICAL TO MEAN-SPIRITED NOTIONS OF CONQUEST AND POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DOMINATION; and
- WHEREAS ALL OF SOCIETY BENEFITS WHEN WE EXTEND THE MATERNAL INSTINCT TO NOURISH, EDUCATE, AND PROTECT OUR YOUNG TOWARD ALL PEOPLES; and
- WHEREAS WE AS A CITY BELIEVE THAT RESPECT FOR MATERNAL VALUES IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE PRESERVATION OF A COMPASSIONATE SOCIETY AND A SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT, TRANSCENDING DIVISIVE PAROCHIAL LOYALTIES:
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, EMILY REILLY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 10, 2003 AS "MARIOT DAY" IN THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ IN COMMEMORATION OF THE COMPASSION AND HUMANITY THAT ARE TOO OFTEN FORGOTTEN AFTER GEOPOLITICAL TRAGEDIES AND ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS TO JOIN ME IN PARTICIPATING IN APPROPRIATE CEREMONIES AND ACTIVITIES.



  
EMILY REILLY, MAYOR

Signed and Sealed this 10<sup>th</sup> Day of September 2003