R E S O L U T I O N

DAY OF THE HORSE

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has a large and diverse economy, with a wide array of unique cultural and economic needs; and

WHEREAS, the horse is a living link to the heritage and history of the State of California, the United States of America, and particularly to the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Horse Council, the horse industry has a $102 billion impact on the U.S. economy, and the California horse industry produces goods and services valued at $4.1 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, there is a very active equestrian community in the City of Los Angeles that works to preserve the equestrian lifestyle and promote the benefits horses provide to people of all ages and abilities;

WHEREAS, the presence of the horse continues to permeate our society from movie screens to open land to our own backyards, horses are a vital part of our collective experience and, as such, deserve our protection and compassion; and

WHEREAS, without horses, the economy, history and character of the State and Nation would be profoundly different; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles should recognize and appreciate the horse and equestrian community by declaring the first Saturday of October as "Day of the Horse" to celebrate the vast contributions of the horse in our history, heritage and economy and to preserve and highlight the unique and long-standing equestrian lifestyle cherished by so many Los Angeles citizens.

Adopted: October 2, 2013

PRESENTED BY: _____
MITCHELL ENGLANDER
Councilmember, 12th District

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SECONDED BY: _____
FELIPE FUENTES
Councilmember, 7th District

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R E S O L U T I O N

KATHLEEN ANN RIORDAN

Whereas, Kathleen Ann Riordan, born in Los Angeles, California, one of the five children of former Los Angeles City Mayor Richard Riordan, has always shared her father's deep love for Los Angeles and the desire to truly make it one of the most humane cities in the United States; and

Whereas, throughout her life she has been personally dedicated to the welfare of animals, first rescuing a kitten from a situation of abuse when she was six years old; and

Whereas, Kathy Riordan was a dancer and a gymnast in pre-Olympic competition; competed in downhill skiing in the United States, Switzerland and Austria. She won silver and gold medals in slalom and giant slalom; and

Whereas, during her time competing in sports, Kathy also volunteered as the activities coordinator for Crippled Children's Society which included coordinating sporting events for mentally handicapped young adults; and

Whereas, By the mid-1970's she had found her passion in involvement with animal sanctuaries for wildlife. At the same time Ms. Riordan was writing speaker biographies at CalTech for such notable Leakey Foundation-funded researchers' as Jane Goodall, Richard Leakey, Don Johanson, Dian Fossey and others involved in the studies that formed our understanding of human prehistory; and

Whereas, From there, she attended UC Davis and studied Anthropology. She also was a volunteer zookeeper at the Los Angeles Zoo in 1979; and

Whereas, In 1980, Kathy joined a modern dance company in Upstate New York, called-McLaughlin/Beswick, and, from there became involved in jazz dancing in New York City under the instruction of Eugene Louis Faccuito; and

Whereas, Moving back to Los Angeles in 1984, Kathleen Riordan worked as Assistant to the Executive Director for Humanitas Prize, a non-profit organization which provides monetary award to screen writers whose scripts portray humanizing achievements; and

Whereas, When her father became Mayor of Los Angeles in 1993, Kathy began to volunteer at the Wildlife Waystation and she became a member of the board. Expanding her volunteer efforts for companion animals at the same time, she became Vice President of the board for the Valley-based animal rescue organization, New Leash on Life; and

Whereas, In 1999 Kathleen Riordan was appointed to the Los Angeles City Board of Animal Services Commissioners, where she served until 2013 and participated in the passage of two Citywide spay/neuter ordinances to lower pet overpopulation. She applied her keen analytic skills to the development of a plan for administrative citations to encourage better treatment of pets and the passage of a comprehensive humane shelter/care and attention ordinance providing standard for pet care in Los Angeles; and

Whereas, She proposed and pressed for the passage of animal-rescue-friendly policies and municipal code amendments, as well as developing the department's Wildlife Team and program; and

Whereas, She was also instrumental in working with City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo to establish an Animal Cruelty Prosecution Unit in Los Angeles; and

Whereas, Kathy has served on the Riordan Foundation Board of Directors since 2000, providing opportunities for Los Angeles youth--especially those in low-income communities—to have access to a high-quality education that will prepare them to compete successfully in the 21st Century; and

Whereas, Along with her ongoing advocacy and philanthropic endeavors for animals, Kathleen Riordan donates her time and resources to such important social issues as stopping human trafficking, preventing child and spousal abuse and cyber bullying. She recently became involved with an organization called Safe4Athletes, which helps amateur athletes which is dedicated to preventing abuse (sexual, physical and bullying) and providing advocacy and assistance for any young athletes who have experienced abuse or exploitation.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that by adoption of this resolution the Los Angeles City Council does hereby congratulate Kathleen Ann Riordan and wish her continued success in the future.

Adopted: October 4, 2013

PRESENTED BY: _____
MITCHELL ENGLANDER

SECONDED BY: _____
ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS

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R E S O L U T I O N

JOE SLOTNICK

Whereas, A Harvard University graduate, Joe became deaf at age 3 after a bout with spinal meningitis. He began his career in market charting, mechanical draftsmanship and computer programming, first as a trainee and advancing to Senior Computer Systems Analyst; and

Whereas, the knowledge and skills related to this emerging field were learned on the job inasmuch as colleges were not offering computer science courses back then. After 21 years, he retired and became a consultant and educator. In 1988, he earned a Master's Degree in Educational Administration and Supervision at California State Northridge's National Center on Deafness Leadership Training Program; and

Whereas, he has been involved in community services for years. He was part of the development of the old teletypewriters for the Deaf (TTY) system, having been the second person in the Los Angeles area to get a TTY station in 1966. He was involved in the beginning in promoting telecommunications to bridge communications between Deaf and hearing parties as well as to enhance independence for Deaf consumers and users; and

Whereas, he was also involved with the formation of the Oral Deaf Adults Section (ODAS) of the Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf, as well as the formation of national Teletypewriters for the Deaf, Inc. (TDI) and served on its Board for a number of years; and

Whereas, he is also active in the Temple Beth Solomon of the Deaf (TBS) in the San Fernando Valley, the only Deaf-run congregation for Jewish Deaf in this nation that owned its own synagogue. Joe has served on its Board as a member and President for years. Although the synagogue has since been sold, TBS continues to this day as a viable organization, meeting the needs of Deaf Jewish people and their families in this region; and

Whereas, Joe and his first wife (who is also deaf) have 3 grown children. Joe and his current wife, Mary, retired in 1995-1996 and have traveled around the world extensively since then, while continuing to be involved in the local and regional community; and

Now, therefore be it resolved, that by adoption of this resolution the Los Angeles City Council does hereby congratulate JOE SLOTNICK on his tremendous accomplishments and wish him success in all his future endeavors.

Adopted: September 27, 2013

PRESENTED BY: _____
MITCHELL ENGLANDER

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SECONDED BY: _____
ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS

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Resolution

Sean Berdy

WHEREAS, Sean Berdy, one of the most multifaceted Deaf actors of his generation, has brought an astonishing array of characters to life on film, television and stage; and

WHEREAS, Sean was born deaf on June 3rd, 1993 in Boca Raton, FL; and

WHEREAS, Sean was born to perform and has been following his passion for entertaining; and

WHEREAS, Sean is an actor, comedian, entertainer and live performer; and

WHEREAS, his first stage as a young boy was his parents' bed where he put on shows for delighted family and friends alongside his younger brother; and

WHEREAS, occasionally, he loves to impersonate people; and

WHEREAS, he brought joy and humor to his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Sean first entered the entertainment industry with his role in Sandlot 2; and

WHEREAS, his love for acting continued to grow as he worked in Mosdeux's The Deaf Family, a hilarious comedy sitcom; and

WHEREAS, while in high school, Sean was named Mr. Deaf Teen America; and

WHEREAS, after landing a role on ABC Family's hit show, Switched At Birth, Sean went on to win DeafNation's Inspirational Award for his representation of Deaf culture; and

WHEREAS, he holds a personal pride in having played the drums on national television; and

WHEREAS. he holds an incredible love for his native language, American Sign Language and was able to share the beauty of the language with the public when he signed at the Disney Parks Christmas Day Parade; and

WHEREAS, between filming engagements and appearances, Sean was able to partake in Ice Age: Continental Drift's industrial first picture-in-picture DVD distribution; and

WHEREAS, today between filming for ABC Family, Sean enjoys his duties as a motivational speaker and directing films:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this resolution, The Los Angeles City Council does hereby honor Mr. Sean Berdy for his many accomplishments. May you continue to prosper in all future endeavors.

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SEP 25 2013

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

SEP 25 2013

Presented By: _____
Herb J. Wesson, Jr.

Seconded By: _____

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CITY OF LOS ANGELES

RESOLUTION

World Polio Day 2013

WHEREAS, World Polio Day, established by Rotary International over a decade ago, is held on October 24th to commemorate Dr. Jonas Salk, the man who in 1955, developed a vaccine to combat polio; and

WHEREAS, with the subsequent development of the oral polio vaccine by Dr. Albert Sabin, Rotary International forged a global strategy, creating partnerships with health agencies and national health ministries, to raise money to buy vaccine and enlist one million Rotarians in the task of delivering and administrating the medicine to children in developing countries around the world; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the efforts of Rotary and its global partners, more than 2 billion children have received oral polio vaccine since 1985; and

WHEREAS, on this date, the only remaining polio endemic countries are Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria with fewer than 100 reported cases; and

WHEREAS, the eradication of polio continues to be Rotary's top priority. Rotarians having already contributed $1.2 billion dollars to the effort; and

WHEREAS, from this day forward, every dollar contributed to The Rotary Foundation's Polio-Plus Fund will be doubled by The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation up to $35 million per year for the next five years; and

WHEREAS, members of the Wilshire Rotary Club of Los Angeles pledge to continue their support to eradicate polio, a crippling disease, from the face of the earth by giving generously to the Polio-Plus Fund so that immunization activities can be carried out by Rotarians and their world health partners; and

WHEREAS, Rotarians stand firmly on the threshold of victory, and thanks to the global cooperation and achievements of the last 20 years, a polio-free world will be Rotary's finest moment and its ultimate gift to children everywhere:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on behalf of the Los Angeles City Council, we hereby declare October 24, 2013 as World Polio Day in the City of Los Angeles as an opportunity to renew the Wilshire Rotary Club of Los Angeles' promise of a polio-free world to future generations.

PRESENTED BY: _____
Tom LaBonge
Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY: _____
All Members

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