

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Bonnie Acker is a lifelong educator, artist, activist, and advocate who has had a profound impact on the Burlington community and who has been especially influential and inspirational to Burlington's most precious resource, our children; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie has engaged and empowered children through numerous community art projects that serve as beautiful reminders of the power and joy of collaboration and the importance of public art; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie's art is infused with her love of the environment and her dedication to many social causes. She has received many awards and accolades for her community work, and her artwork is on display in public and private collections throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie is also an expert farmer and a dedicated food activist who understands the connection between our personal health and the health of our local farms, and that, by supporting our local farms and farmers, eating locally grown foods, and protecting our environment, we can create a sustainable and desirable future for our community; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie has directly impacted the food security of a full generation of Burlington residents as a founding member of the Burlington School Food Project. She has been instrumental in increasing the availability of healthy, local foods in all Burlington schools; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie has also given a face to the farmers and food workers within our schools and has elevated our appreciation and understanding of this community's food system; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie has accepted leadership roles that have helped guide many important local initiatives like the Burlington School Food Project, the Intervale Community Farm Co-operative, and City Market/Onion River Co-op; and

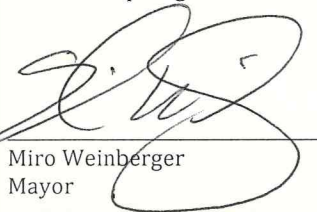
WHEREAS, Bonnie is an expert gardener who understands the need for beauty and life in public spaces. In addition to the many gardens she tends secretly, she is responsible for the beautiful flowers in front of the Fletcher Free Library, City Market and, working closely with children, teachers and staff, many of Burlington's schools; and

WHEREAS, Bonnie is the thread that holds together so many pieces of our community. She is a visionary benefactor with a generous spirit, a compassionate mentor with a gift for seeing the best in people, a multifaceted artist with a compelling vision, a child at heart with a playful spirit, and a true friend to all living things;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Miro Weinberger, Mayor of the City of Burlington, do hereby proclaim Monday, November 4, 2013 to be

BONNIE ACKER DAY

in the City of Burlington **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that I recognize Bonnie Acker as an educator, artist, activist, and advocate who has dedicated herself to improving the quality of life for the people of Burlington. Due to her efforts and achievements, Bonnie is hereby declared a Burlington Community Treasure on this day, November 4, 2013, during our season of harvest. The people of Burlington, especially our children, extend to her our deepest gratitude and our best wishes for a beautiful future.


Miro Weinberger
Mayor

