



HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JOANNA MACY

WHEREAS, Joanna Macy was a beloved Mother, Grandmother, teacher, author, and activist whose life's work profoundly shaped the cultural, philosophical, and academic framework of ecological connection; and

WHEREAS, Joanna found a home in Berkeley in 1987, creating community and planting roots. Throughout her time in the Bay Area, she served as an adjunct professor at Starr King School of Ministry, California Institute of Integral Studies, University of Creation Spirituality, John F. Kennedy University, and several other universities across the country and around the world; and

WHEREAS, throughout her life, Joanna committed herself to the pursuit of spiritual and environmental resilience in an era of ecocidal capitalism with the central vision that a better, more peaceful world will endure; and

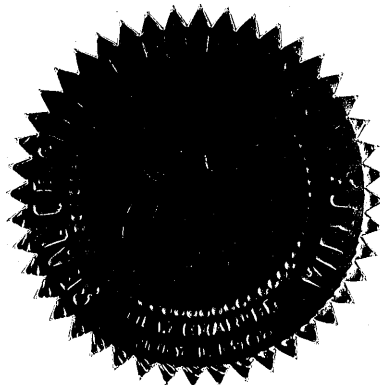
WHEREAS, her many publications explore the intersection and overlap of Buddhist practice, systems theory, and environmentalism, forging prophetic methodologies, empowering those fighting for justice, peace, and sustainability, and reminding us all of the sacred and inextricable connection between all life; and

WHEREAS, Joanna was a world-renowned author and teacher, yet always dedicated herself first and foremost to her family, friends, and community, living her life according to the values she taught; and

WHEREAS, Joanna Macy has made an indelible mark on the Berkeley community and beyond, inviting all to participate in the Work that Reconnects. Her life and work will forever be cherished and celebrated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Adena Ishii, Mayor of the City of Berkeley, and the Berkeley City Council do hereby honor and celebrate the life and legacy of Joanna Macy, recognizing her unwavering resilience and commitment to justice. May we all strive to follow in her footsteps.

Adena Ishii
Mayor, City of Berkeley



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