

# PROCLAMATION

## IN HONOR OF THE LATE JERRY GARCIA OF THE GRATEFUL DEAD

**WHEREAS**, Jerome John "Jerry" Garcia was an American musician who was best known for his lyrical guitar work, soulful singing and mythic songwriting and as a founding member of the legendary band the Grateful Dead; and

**WHEREAS**, Jerry Garcia was born in San Francisco, CA on August 1, 1942 and died in Forest Knolls, CA on August 9, 1995; and

**WHEREAS**, Jerry Garcia's iconic fame and popularity have become an essential part of American Folklore and given way to new musical traditions, and because he is and was known as the heart and soul of a brotherhood of sound, the leader of a multicultural, multigenerational tribe known as "Deadheads," and a musician so well steeped in a variety of American styles both Traditional and Avante Garde that the only way to classify his guitar playing is to say it was and is Garcia's; and

**WHEREAS**, Jerry Garcia was a longtime Marin resident with innumerable connections to our Town, including his participation in a softball game between the Grateful Dead and Jefferson Airplane that was played in our own Central Field (now known as Contratti Park) here in lovely Fairfax in the mid-1960's and performed with the Jerry Garcia Band at a former Fairfax bar called River City on Bolinas Avenue on September 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of 1970; and

**WHEREAS**, Jerry Garcia has a special place in the hearts and minds of many Fairfaxians and will forever be a part of our Town's culture and history;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Fairfax, that the Town celebrates the life, music and ethos of Jerry Garcia, and

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that August 7, 2013 is Jerry Garcia Day in the Town of Fairfax.

John Reed, Mayor

AGENDA ITEM # 2