

## CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION

WHEREAS, On May 10, 2013, Richard A. Gill will retire as Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Manhattan Beach after 15 years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, Richard began his public service in 1977 with the City of Gardena and transferred in 1980 to the City of Santa Monica where he gained experience in Sports, Aquatics, Older Adults, Teens, and the Special Olympics. He then transferred in 1990 to the City of Rolling Hills Estates as the Director of Community Services; and

WHEREAS, Richard came to the City of Manhattan Beach as Parks and Recreation Director in April of 1998 and provided managerial support and administrative direction for the Cultural Arts, Recreation Services, Sports and Aquatics, Registration Services, and the Older Adults Program divisions; and

WHEREAS, Richard served as staff liaison to the city's Cultural Arts, Library, and Parks and Recreation Commissions; and

WHEREAS, During his 15 years with the City of Manhattan Beach, Richard oversaw the conversion of the Creative Arts Center, development of Marine Avenue Sports Park, creation of the Public Art Master Plan, approval of the 1% for Public Art development fee, implementation of the Sand Dune Park reservation system, successful reorganization of the iconic Charlie Saikley 6-Man Volleyball tournament, implementation of the tree and bench donation program, renovation of Begg Pool and the Joslyn and Heights Community Centers, and served as the staff liaison for the City's Centennial; and

WHEREAS, Richard served as President and Board Member to the California Parks and Recreation Society promoting the goals of the profession; and

WHEREAS, Richard has always been passionate about the Parks and Recreation profession and the positive impacts it has on the quality of life for all people; and

WHEREAS, Richard Gill has dedicated over 35 years of his life to public service and has earned the respect of colleagues, community members, parks and recreation professionals and friends throughout California.

NOW THEREFORE, on behalf of the City of Manhattan Beach, its officers and employees, his close associates, residents and citizens, this commendation is presented to

Richard A. Gill

as a token of appreciation for the dedicated service that he has rendered to the City and its citizens through honest, conscientious, and loyal service. With this presentation are extended to him best wishes.

DATED this 7th day of May, 2013.