

## PROCLAMATION

## HONORING BAY AREA DOGLOVERS RESPONSIBLE ABOUT PIT BULLS (BAD RAP) JUNE 6, 2011

WHEREAS, BAD RAP is an animal welfare and rescue group based in Oakland, California, devoted to caring for and improving the public image of pit bull terriers as pets; and

WHEREAS, the organization was formed in 1999 to address the needs of homeless dogs and to provide support and resources to animal welfare organizations who deal with pit bulls; and

WHEREAS, since that time the organization has rescued and successfully placed approximately 40 dogs a year in new homes; and

WHEREAS, BAD RAP has run a "Breed Ambassador" program, hosting animal welfare professionals in conferences and workshops and offering hands-on training to help them gain a working knowledge of the breed in week long camps; and

WHEREAS, their public outreach work includes free Shots Fairs and a spay/neuter voucher program in low income communities; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 BAD RAP received the American Humane Association's Award for Best Practices in Behavior and Training for its Pit Ed and Canine Good Citizen Prep classes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pittsburg recognizes that this tribute is appropriate and deserving.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Will Casey, Mayor of the City of Pittsburg, California, on behalf of the entire City Council, hereby extend our appreciation to BAD RAP for their years of dedicated service to the community and the general welfare of dogs.



Will Casey, Mayor

Alice E. Evenson, City Clerk

June 6, 2011