



City of Berkeley Proclamation

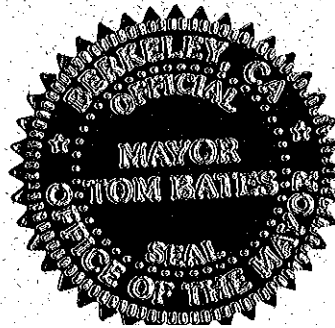
UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL DAY IN SUPPORT OF VICTIMS OF TORTURE

- WHEREAS,** June 26 is the day on which the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman, Degrading Treatment or Punishment came into force in 1987; and
- WHEREAS,** the Government of the United States ratified the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman, Degrading Treatment or Punishment in 1994; making the Convention part of U.S. law; and
- WHEREAS,** At that time, there were no treatment centers or services to treat torture survivors. Today there are some 200 centers or programs all over the world, with several of them in the Bay area staffed by citizens of Berkeley where they offer profound knowledge of torture methods, the effects of torture, and how to diagnose and rehabilitate torture victims; and
- WHEREAS,** the United Nations has proclaimed June 26 the United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture; and
- WHEREAS,** the United Nations appeals to all Governments and members of civil society to take action every year, at the international, regional, national, provincial, community, village, professional, family and individual level, to defeat torture and torturers everywhere.
- NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, TOM BATES** Mayor of the City of Berkeley, do hereby proclaim June 26, 2010, as

United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture.



Tom Bates, Mayor



June 26, 2010