

City of Encinitas, California

WHEREAS, it gives me great pleasure to present this proclamation to the Kenneth A. Picerne Foundation and the Artist Outreach Project; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, Mr. Picerne formed the Kenneth A. Picerne foundation to provide financial support and leadership to develop innovative, creative, self-sustainable programs that focus on leadership, mentoring and education; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, The Artist Outreach Project was created to provide accomplished senior artists over 55 years of age the opportunity to give back as well as stay engaged with their community. This program provides high quality educational, mentoring and therapeutic arts experiences to in-need and / or underserved citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Artists Outreach Project has been recognized by national organizations such as Grantmakers in Aging, Grantmakers in the Arts, and the National Center for Creative Aging as a groundbreaking project; and

WHEREAS, since the inception of this program, 15 awards have been granted to Encinitas artists who have provided 3,600 hours of service in nonprofit organizations in Encinitas; more than 2,700 in-need and/or underserved citizens in the community have been directly served by Encinitas artists. Recognizing the richness of the artistic community in Encinitas, the foundation to date has invested \$177,000 in Encinitas artists.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Jerome Stocks, along with all City Council Members do hereby present this proclamation to the

Kenneth A. Picerne Foundation

as a small token of our extreme gratitude and appreciation for your generous contributions to this City and for providing enriching in-depth experiences that promote healthy human development.



Jerome Stocks, Encinitas Mayor