

City of Sonoma



Proclamation

Sebastiani Theatre

WHEREAS in 1933 Samuele Sebastiani commissioned the Reid Brothers to build the Sebastiani Theatre on the Plaza in the City of Sonoma as a movie house; and

WHEREAS the Sebastiani Theatre opened its doors on April 7, 1934 with the debut of the movie "Fugitive Lovers" starring Robert Montgomery; and

WHEREAS for 75 years, the Sebastiani Theatre has brought to Sonoma Valley the best in documentary, independent and classic films, and has been a primary venue in Sonoma Valley for live dance, music and drama performances; and

WHEREAS the Sebastiani Theatre is the premier venue for the annual Sonoma Valley International Film Festival; and

WHEREAS the Sebastiani Theatre helps educate our community's children and youth by providing them a place to perform and participate in theater productions; and

WHEREAS the Sebastiani Theatre is part of our community's heart and soul, a place that brings us together for shared experiences; and

WHEREAS the community is working to preserve, enhance and maintain this historic and treasured theater for current and future generations; and

WHEREAS on April 7, 2009 the Sebastiani Theatre marked the beginning of a year long celebration of its 75th anniversary.

NOW THEREFORE, I Ken Brown, Mayor of Sonoma, do hereby proclaim April 7, 2009 as a significant date in our community's cultural history with the anniversary of the treasured Sebastiani Theatre, and encourage all citizens of Sonoma Valley to be aware of the remarkable contributions to the performing arts the Sebastiani Theatre makes in our lives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Sonoma to be affixed this 15th day of April, 2009.

Ken Brown, Mayor

