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To All Interested Parties:

The City Council adopted the action(s), as attached, under Council File No. 11-1926,
at its meeting held November 22, 2011.



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REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED

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RESOLUTION

For Dec. 3rd 2011

It's A Wonderful Life Day
December 3rd, 2011

WHEREAS, *It's a Wonderful Life* is a 1946 American Christmas drama film produced and directed by Frank Capra and based on the short story "The Greatest Gift" written by Philip Van Doren Stern; and

WHEREAS, the film stars James Stewart as George Bailey, a man whose imminent suicide on Christmas Eve brings about the intervention of his guardian angel, Clarence Odbody (Henry Travers). Clarence shows George all the lives he has touched and the contributions he has made to his community; and

WHEREAS, despite initially being considered a box office flop due to high production costs and stiff competition at the time of its release, the film has come to be regarded as a classic and a staple of Christmas television around the world. Theatrically, the film's break-even point was actually \$6.3 million, approximately twice the production cost, a figure it never came close to achieving in its initial release. An appraisal in 2006 reported: "Although it was not the complete box-office failure that today everyone believes ... it was initially a major disappointment and confirmed, at least to the studios, that Capra was no longer capable of turning out the populist features that made his films the must-see, money-making events they once were; and

WHEREAS, *It's a Wonderful Life* was nominated for five Oscars without winning any, although the film has since been recognized by the American Film Institute as one of the 100 best American films ever made, and placed number one on their list of the most inspirational American films of all time; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles City Council will declare December 3rd, 2011 - *It's A Wonderful Life* Day in the City of Los Angeles. Celebrating 65 years of the life-affirming legacy of the beloved classic, *It's A Wonderful Life* Day commemorates both the film's message and its ties to Los Angeles, where the film was shot in 1946; and

WHEREAS, *It's A Wonderful Life* has made an indelible impact on popular culture and continues to be a beloved part of many families' holiday traditions. This iconic movie is a treasured classic, and has touched many people throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, actor Jimmy Hawkins, a Los Angeles native and resident who played James Stewart's son, Tommy Bailey, in the film, said, "It is truly wonderful to see this film continue to delight new generations year after year. Year after year, during the holiday season, *It's A Wonderful Life* celebrates its cultural significance, its enduring popularity and its place in cinema history; and

WHEREAS, during the 65th anniversary of this Hollywood classic, Paramount Home Entertainment will release *It's A Wonderful Life* on Blu-ray™ in a Shadow Box Gift, which will includes a two-disc Collector's Edition Blu-ray with a beautifully colorized version of the film in high definition and the original, digitally

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remastered black-and-white movie in high definition, as well as "The Making Of It's A Wonderful Life", a documentary featurette hosted by Tom Bosley, and the original theatrical trailer. The set also includes an exclusive bell ornament and a commemorative booklet; and

WHEREAS, additionally during the 65th anniversary, Jimmy Hawkins (Tommy Bailey) will release The Official 65th Anniversary Edition Coloring, Activity & Storybook. This new interactive 60 page coloring and activity book is based on works by the Jimmy Hawkins Company, author of the book *It's a Wonderful Life for Kids*, and in honor of the 65th anniversary of the movie *It's a Wonderful Life*. The It's a Wonderful Life for Kids Coloring Book is published and designed by Really Big Coloring Books®, Inc. with the partnership and direction of the Jimmy Hawkins Company, and:

NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that by adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council hereby declares December 3rd, 2011 as *It's A Wonderful Life Day* in the City of Los Angeles. May the heartfelt message of *It's A Wonderful Life* be celebrated on this day and everyday in the City of Los Angeles. And remember "... every time a bell rings an angel gets his wings."

PRESENTED BY: 
TOM LABONGE
Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY: 
ALL MEMBERS

ADOPTED

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