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*Proclamation Recognizing Benicia Mayor Elizabeth Patterson and
Honoring her Decades of Rich and Enduring Service*

WHEREAS, the leadership of Mayor Elizabeth Patterson began before she was elected mayor with her early life of service as an environmental activist, and her long-time study and ultimate emergence as a scholar of city, urban and open space planning.

WHEREAS, Mayor Patterson's experience in planning contributed to the formation of the General Plan Oversight Committee, which developed the City of Benicia's groundbreaking 1999 General Plan, focusing on smart community development and sustainability, which has been the principal document guiding Benicia's staff and commissions for two decades and will do so into our future.

WHEREAS, Benicia's Climate Action Plan, the first in Solano County, has reached its 2020 goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions to 10 percent below 2000 levels, all developed and achieved under the leadership of Mayor Patterson.

WHEREAS, Mayor Patterson's priority of diversifying the community representation of volunteers on commissions and boards that serve the City of Benicia has ensured the participation and expertise of more diverse voices and perspectives.

WHEREAS, the beautification of streets and buildings throughout our community have been protected, guided and funded by grants Mayor Patterson helped bring to our community.

WHEREAS, Benicia has learned and grown from the leadership and vision of Mayor Patterson, who has gifted us by example in her lifestyle choices, walking to City Hall and First Street instead of driving, installing grey water and other water and energy saving measures in her home, and biking around town whenever possible.

WHEREAS, the membership of the Progressive Democrats of Benicia formally honors Mayor Elizabeth Patterson's long-time service to our community and recognize her leadership on climate action and community building as a model for future local leaders.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Ralph Dennis, Chair of the Progressive Democrats of Benicia do hereby proclaim November 10th 2020 as "Mayor Elizabeth Patterson Day 2020."

Ralph Dennis, on behalf of Progressive Democrats of Benicia