

P R O C L A M A T I O N

A DAY WITHOUT A BAG IN THE CITY OF CULVER CITY

WHEREAS, each year, approximately 6 billion plastic carryout bags are used in Los Angeles County; and,

WHEREAS, in the United States, less than 5 percent of plastic bags are recycled; and,

WHEREAS, the indiscriminate littering of plastic bags is an increasing blight problem, creating significant litter problems for streets, Ballona Creek, beaches, and the marine environment; and,

WHEREAS, over 1 million seabirds, 100,000 marine animals, and countless fish die annually through ingestion of and entanglement in marine debris, including plastic bags; and,

WHEREAS, each year, the State of California spends approximately \$25 million to landfill discarded plastic bags; and,

WHEREAS, the Culver City Public Works Environmental Programs and Operations has set solid waste reduction and recycling goals, and is taking action against the unchecked proliferation of plastic bags; and,

WHEREAS, reusable bags contribute towards environmental sustainability over single-use plastic and paper carryout bags; and,

WHEREAS, Culver City and its community partners are encouraging shoppers to forego single-use plastic and paper bags in favor of reusable tote bags to recognize A Day Without A Bag; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Culver City, California, hereby proclaims December 20, 2007 as “A Day Without a Bag” in Culver City.

Dated this 17th Day of December, 2007.

Alan Corlin - Mayor

Carol A. Gross – Vice Mayor

D. Scott Malsin – Councilmember

Steven J. Rose - Councilmember

Gary Silbiger - Councilmember