

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Karen Vastine has been instrumental in implementing and operationalizing the Restorative Noise Program and Rapid Intervention Community Court; and

WHEREAS, the Offender Reentry Program has expanded under Karen's leadership to include Circles of Support and Accountability; and

WHEREAS, Karen facilitated partnering with Burlington High School to expand their use of Restorative Justice practices; and

WHEREAS, Karen has been an advocate for the application of Restorative Justice principles throughout the City and State; and

WHEREAS, Karen has been an essential link between the Community Justice Center and the Community and Economic Development Office (CEDO) Leadership Team; and

WHEREAS, Karen has been a tireless and good humored advocate for staff enrichment and, in particular, for her work over the past year to revisit and reaffirm CEDO's core Mission, Values and Vision; and

WHEREAS, Karen always enlivened the office by frequently bursting into song and dance, provided lots of snacks at meetings, walked fast everywhere she went, and kept the most uncluttered office; and

WHEREAS, Karen has taken the lead in the State of Vermont as an advocate for legislative change regarding corrections and restorative justice;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Miro Weinberger, Mayor of the City of Burlington, Vermont, do hereby proclaim Friday, January 9, 2015 to be

KAREN VASTINE DAY

in the City of Burlington **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that I commend and thank Karen for her outstanding service to the City of Burlington.

Miro Weinberger
Mayor

