

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Women's Festival of Crafts was established in 1989 under the City's auspices of the Women's Council so that brand new artists could have an equal opportunity to showcase their craft; and

WHEREAS, the craft fair has continued to provide the marketplace for more established women artisans to mentor first-time artists; and

WHEREAS, the festival has provided an affordable opportunity for Vermont women to sell their artwork for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, the Women's Festival of Crafts has been so successful that the fair has outgrown its traditional space in City Hall and has expanded to fill Memorial Auditorium with 90 artists; and

WHEREAS, the Women's Festival of Crafts provides a market for area citizens to purchase local, handmade products which thereby enhances the local economy; and

WHEREAS, the customers in attendance at the Women's Festival of Crafts have been loyal and supportive, with many shopping there for the past 25 years; and

WHEREAS, the "Buy Local" movement encourages women to develop and grow their own small businesses, provide local products and services, and generate a greater tax base; and

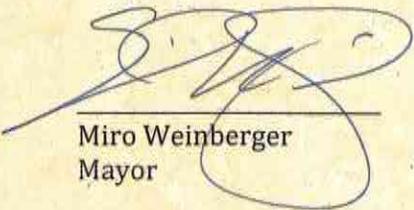
WHEREAS, small businesses are at the heart of our Vermont economy; and

WHEREAS, the Women's Festival of Crafts will be celebrating its 25th anniversary this year;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Miro Weinberger, Mayor of the City of Burlington, do hereby proclaim Sunday, November 30, 2014, to be

WOMEN'S FESTIVAL OF CRAFTS 25TH ANNIVERSARY DAY

in the City of Burlington **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that I commend the Women's Festival of Crafts and all those who participate for the great artistic livelihood they bring to Memorial Auditorium each fall season.


Miro Weinberger
Mayor

