PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Laura Kate Winterbottom Memorial Fund honors the spirit and passion of Laura Winterbottom by doing charitable work in her name for the Vermont community; and

WHEREAS, the Laura Kate Winterbottom Fund is dedicated to carrying on the legacy of Laura's love for art, nature, and teaching children, as well as her compassion for the less fortunate; and

WHEREAS, the Laura Kate Winterbottom Fund provides scholarships and other resources that enable disadvantaged children to participate in art or nature programs so that they may learn to appreciate the beauty of art and nature and develop an abiding respect and compassion for the planet and its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, the Laura Kate Winterbottom Fund is committed to eliminating the sexual violence that took Laura's life; and

WHEREAS, the Laura Kate Winterbottom Fund supports programs which help victims of sexual assault and domestic abuse get the services and assistance they need so that their suffering is alleviated and the cycle of violence is not perpetuated; and

WHEREAS, the Laura Kate Winterbottom Fund has donated over $100,000 to local organizations and programs to date;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Miro Weinberger, Mayor of the City of Burlington, do hereby proclaim September 12, 2014, Laura's birthday, to be

LAURA KATE WINTERBOTTOM DAY

in the City of Burlington **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that I encourage our community to participate in Laura's March on Saturday, September 13, 2014 to take a stand against sexual violence and to honor the legacy of one of its victims.

Miro Weinberger
Mayor