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Peter "Madcat" Ruth 60th Birthday Proclamation
PROCLAMATION

Honoring Peter Madcat Ruth
On His 60th Birthday
April 2, 2009

WHEREAS, Mr. Peter Madcat Ruth, an internationally acclaimed harmonica player who has called Ann Arbor home for the past 38 years will celebrate his 60th birthday on April 2nd, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ruth is an award winning musician including a 2005 Grammy Award for his solo work on William Bolcom's Songs of Innocence and of Experience and in 1997 was named "Harmonica Player of the Year" by The Society for the Preservation and Advancement of the Harmonica; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ruth has been a member of a number of esteemed musical groups including Two Generations of Brubeck (Dave Brubeck & Sons), The Darius Brubeck Ensemble, Chris Brubeck's Triple Play, The Madcat/Brubeck Band, Madcat & Kane, Madcat's Pressure Cooker, Sky King and New Heavenly Blue to name a few; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ruth has shared the stage with renowned artists including Dave Brubeck, Paul Desmond, Bonnie Raitt, David Bromberg, Steve Goodman, Jeff Daniels, Mr. B, George Bedard, Gemini and The Chenille Sisters, to name only a few; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ruth has represented Ann Arbor as an unofficial goodwill ambassador by performing concerts in Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, the Cayman Islands, England, Germany, Holland, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Poland, Singapore, Spain and Taiwan, and in 48 of the 50 states in the Union; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ruth has been an integral part of the cultural scene of Ann Arbor for the past 38 years, has encouraged the career growth of multiple Ann Arbor musicians and has set a wonderful example as both an artist and a human being, we now honor his personal and community achievements with this proclamation.

NOW THEREFORE, I, John Hieftje, Mayor of Ann Arbor, Michigan, do hereby proclaim and honor Peter Madcat Ruth on his 60th Birthday and declare April 2nd, 2009 as "Peter Madcat Ruth Day" in the City of Ann Arbor.

I hereby set my hand and seal
This the 2nd day of April, 2009

John Hieftje, Mayor