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PROCLAMATION

First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor

150th Anniversary

September 15th, 2014

WHEREAS, The First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor is celebrating its 150th Anniversary in Ann Arbor throughout this year: **Reason and Compassion in Action**; and

WHEREAS, The roots of the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor reach back to 1835; and

WHEREAS, The Unitarian Society began services in a rented room in the County Court House in 1865 where the original Articles of Association of the Congregational Unitarian Society were signed on May 14th of that year; and

WHEREAS, The congregation has been steward of two registered historic buildings, one built at the corner of Huron and State in 1882, and moving in 1946 to the Dr.

Dean Myers home on Washtenaw where they added a George B. Brigham addition, and then in 1999 built a David Osler building on Ann Arbor-Saline Road; and

WHEREAS, This congregation is the spiritual home to a diverse and broad reaching community which has roots in political action, providing a printing press to labor unions in the 1930's, engaging with Sherriff Harvey in the 1970's, providing Peace Team participation during the KKK march at City Hall in 1998, and "Standing on the Side of Love" in 2014 by providing ministers and many witnesses to Ann Arbor's one day of same sex marriages; and

WHEREAS, The First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor has a history rich in community support and involvement, contributing time and resources to such programs as Alpha House, Interfaith Hospitality Network, Habitat for Humanity, Food Gatherers, Washtenaw CROP Walk and providing books to prisons; and

WHEREAS, The UUAA wind turbine and solar panels demonstrate the congregation's commitment to and leadership in environmental awareness and action.

NOW THEREFORE, I, John Hieftje, Mayor of Ann Arbor, Michigan, along with the members of City

Council, extend our sincere commendation and congratulations to the First Unitarian Universalist

Congregation of Ann Arbor for having so profoundly stood the test of time on the occasion of its 150th

Anniversary; and express our appreciation and gratitude for this congregation's monumental contributions to the Ann Arbor Community.

I hereby set my hand and seal

this 15th day of September, 2014

John Hieftje, Mayor