

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity International was founded in 1976 by Millard and Linda Fuller in Americus, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Habitat has expanded to more than 1,300 towns and cities in the U.S., Canada and 57 other countries, has built more than 500,000 decent affordable houses, and has served 2.5 million people worldwide; and

WHEREAS, in the spring of 1983, eight people from Burlington, Vermont traveled to Americus, Georgia to work on a Habitat for Humanity construction site and returned home convinced that what they learned could help ease the dearth of affordable housing in the Burlington area; and

WHEREAS, in May 1984, volunteers formed Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity, an affiliate of the international organization and Vermont's first Habitat affiliate; and

WHEREAS, Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity's first home was dedicated in the New North End of Burlington in November 1986; and

WHEREAS, David and Julie Billings were selected for the 4th Green Mountain Habitat home site on Park Street in Burlington and construction began in June 1989; and

WHEREAS, local architect Bob Duncan donated the plans for this home, which later become the proto-type for Green Mountain Habitat homes on small lots; and

WHEREAS, volunteers Bruce Venner and Ed Sengle led the all-volunteer construction teams on this home; and

WHEREAS, David and Julie Billings have volunteered hundreds of hours to help build Habitat homes in Burlington and in the Dominican Republic; and

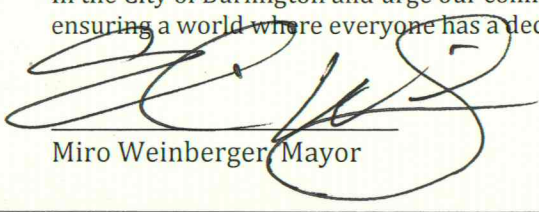
WHEREAS, the Billings' home at 216 Park Street was dedicated in March 1990 becoming the 4th Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity home; and

WHEREAS, the Billings family has made its final mortgage payment on its home, reaching a milestone worthy of recognition; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Miro Weinberger, Mayor of the City of Burlington and a 1993 Americus, Georgia Habitat for Humanity volunteer carpenter, do hereby proclaim April 19, 2012 as

GREEN MOUNTAIN HABITAT FOR HUMANITY DAY

In the City of Burlington and urge our community to redouble its commitment to ensuring a world where everyone has a decent place to live.


Miro Weinberger Mayor

