

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Burlington Area Community Gardens have, for 40 years, provided an opportunity for Burlington residents to grow their own food, to save money on food costs, to meet and work with their neighbors, to enjoy healthy, productive exercise, to increase intergenerational and cross-cultural connections, to stimulate neighborhood and community development, to preserve green space, and to improve the quality of life in our City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington, through the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Community and Economic Development Office, and other departments, seeks to ensure the continuation and expansion of Burlington's community gardens; and

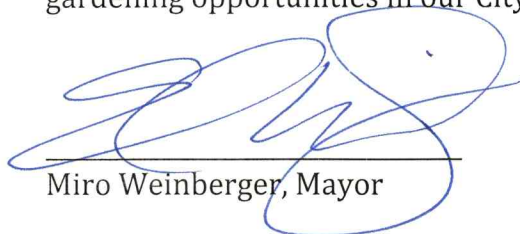
WHEREAS, the Friends of Burlington Gardens/Vermont Community Garden Network, Winooski Valley Park District, Visiting Nurse Association, Association of Africans Living in Vermont, Burlington College, Intervale Center, and many other City organizations and neighborhood groups support community gardens; and

WHEREAS, more than 1,200 people of all ages and abilities are growing food in the community gardens program in this, the 40th year of the program;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Miro Weinberger, Mayor of the City of Burlington, Vermont, do hereby proclaim the 15th day of September, 2012 to be

BURLINGTON AREA COMMUNITY GARDENS DAY

and encourage all Burlington citizens to support our community gardens and pledge to support efforts to promote and improve community gardening opportunities in our City.



Miro Weinberger, Mayor

