

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the City of Burlington, Vermont, USA's relationship with the City of Honfleur, FRANCE came into being through the Quadricentennial celebration in 2009 and we celebrated our shared histories of exploration, discovery and appreciation; and

**WHEREAS**, a delegation from Burlington will be visiting Honfleur in October of 2012, connecting with its people and experiencing its culture and beauty to build our connections around business, culture, hospitality and education; and

**WHEREAS**, both Honfleur and Burlington recognize the rich and diverse arts and cultural offerings in our respective communities and acknowledge our desire to explore the potential for cultural exchanges between artists, organizations, festivals and more; and

**WHEREAS**, collaboration on education initiatives between Honfleur and Burlington includes the developing relationship between the educational leaders at both high school and college levels, a SKYPE connection between our high school students, and a shared plan to explore collaboration on hospitality and business degree programs; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire and hope of our business leaders to forge relationships between our business organizations in our respective cities; and

**WHEREAS**, Burlington business leaders and government officials want to work together with Honfleur's business leaders and government officials to promote the cross marketing of products and goods and the expansion of value added businesses when either has companies looking for access to each other's markets; and

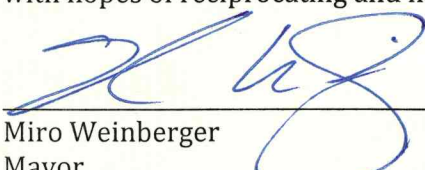
**WHEREAS**, the expansion of both in and outbound tourism opportunities in each city has unique attributes that are certainly of interest to each other's population; and

**WHEREAS**, community leaders in Burlington want to reinforce the strong relations that our city has with Honfleur over the past number of years that were highlighted during the Heritage in Harmony program, the tree planting by the previous state administration and the most cordial relations between the elected officials of our two cities,

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Miro Weinberger, Mayor of the City of Burlington do hereby declare October 9, 2012 to be

### VISIT HONFLEUR DAY

in the City of Burlington and wish our delegation a fruitful and productive visit to Honfleur with hopes of reciprocating and hosting the Honfleur delegation in the near future.

  
Miro Weinberger  
Mayor

