

City of Manhattan Beach, California

Proclamation

**PLEDGE DAY
NOVEMBER 4, 2010**

WHEREAS, *concern for the common good and the well-being of all citizens is one of the highest virtues of American democracy; and*

WHEREAS, *our public schools are the heart and heritage of our Community, and shared responsibility of our great city, providing young people with the tools they need to become responsible citizens, bringing together adults and children, educators and volunteers, business leaders and elected officials in a common enterprise and mankind's insurance policy for the future; and*

WHEREAS, *the Manhattan Beach School District, with more than 6,500 students on seven campuses, has been lauded for its superior performance, ranking 5th in the state overall, with Mira Costa ranking in the top 2.5% and several schools recognized as California Distinguished or Blue Ribbon. And, education employees and volunteers, whether they be teachers or custodians, administrators or librarians work tirelessly to serve our children and community with care and professionalism; and*

WHEREAS, *the volunteer-based Manhattan Beach Education Foundation has made a tremendous impact on our public schools, supplementing drastically reduced state funding with millions of dollars in private donations, exercising local control to preserve the challenging and engaging curriculum supported by quality teaching staff, and specialists who enhance the students' educational experience from kindergarten through high school graduation; and*

WHEREAS, *it is our community's shared responsibility to support our school district financially.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mitch Ward, Mayor of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, on behalf of the City Council and the residents, do hereby proclaim November 4, 2010 as the second annual

Manhattan Beach Education Foundation Pledge Day

Furthermore, I offer my thanks to those community educators and volunteers who overcome the many obstacles placed before them and work tirelessly to provide the highest quality education to our youth.

DATED: this 7th day of September, 2010.

City Clerk



Mayor