



**CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION
GRANDVIEW ELEMENTARY
GREEN RIBBON SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, Grand View Elementary School was recently selected as a "National Green Ribbon School". This honor will be awarded to only 78 schools across the United States of America and only three schools in Southern California; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education launched the Green Ribbon Schools initiative in the 2011-2012 school year with the aim to reduce costs, feature environmentally sustainable learning spaces, protect health and offer environmental education while boosting academic and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, five years ago Grand View began a huge push toward making its students more environmentally conscious and now students are actively involved in 32 programs such as Earth Club and the Walking School Bus; and

WHEREAS, the key to environmental education is to teach students while they are young. Students are taught that unless they take care of our planet, there won't be one in the future; and

WHEREAS, this initiative help kids connect what they're learning in science class with the world around them, allowing them to envision solutions to tomorrow's challenges while living healthier lives today.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Nicholas W. Tell, Jr., Mayor of the City of Manhattan Beach, on behalf of the City Council, residents and citizens of the City of Manhattan Beach, do hereby recognize

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for caring for the environment and being named a National Green Ribbon School.

Dated this 1st day of May, 2012.

