

## ***CITY OF EL CERRITO PROCLAMATION***

### ***Special Recognition of Teri McKeever***

WHEREAS, Teri McKeever, a resident of El Cerrito, is regarded as one of the best swimming mentors in the United States. She is head coach of Cal Berkeley's women's swimming and diving program, was assistant coach of the United States Olympic Women's Swimming Team in 2004 and 2008 and was named head coach for the 2012 Summer Olympics in London, the first woman to serve as the head coach of a U.S. women's national team at the Olympics; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McKeever graduated from USC in 1983 and holds a Bachelors of Science in Education and a Masters Degree in Athletic Administration. Before coaching, Ms. McKeever distinguished herself as a former USC All-American athlete, earning All-America honors in 1980, 1981 and 1983 as USC's Outstanding Student-Athlete; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McKeever began her career coaching as an assistant coach for USC from 1984-87 and has been the head coach for Cal Berkeley since 1992. The 2012-2013 season marks her 21<sup>st</sup> year at Cal; and

WHEREAS, during her career at Cal, Ms. McKeever has taken the program to new heights. In 2007, Cal claimed five national titles, in the 2008-09 season, Ms. McKeever coached Dana Vollmer who was named 2009 NCAA Swimmer of the Year and PAC-10 Swimmer of the Year, where Cal also produced three individual NCAA titles, two NCAA relay champions and two American records and in the 2010-11 season, argued to be the best year in the program's history, the team won their second consecutive NCAA team title in three years and captured five NCAA crowns, ending with Cal's third NCAA team championship in four years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. McKeever was named Pac-12 Coach of the Year for 2011, her 5<sup>th</sup> conference award, College Swimming Coaches Association of American Coach of the Championships Award and in 2009 she was named NCAA Coach of the Year, the 2009 Pac-10 Coach of the Year, and took on the roles of assistant coach in the 2004 Olympics in Athens and 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, assistant coach for the U.S. team during the World Championship competition in 2003, 2005, 2007 and 2011 and was the first woman coach on the U.S. Olympic Swimming team and first woman to be named head coach of the national team at a major international meet (the 2006 Pan Pacific meeting in British Columbia); and

WHEREAS, Ms. McKeever is also known and proud to have trained some of swimming's best, helping to guide Natalie Coughlin to twelve Olympic medals including three gold, alumna Haley Cope to a silver medal and the entire U.S. swimming team to thirty-one medals, including sixteen gold.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of El Cerrito, does hereby recognize and commend Teri McKeever on her accomplishments not only as the head coach of the U.S. Olympic Women's Swimming Team for the 2012 Summer Olympics and head coach of the California Golden Bears Women's Swimming Team but also for making strides for female coaches in athletics and the field of swimming.

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William C. Jones III, Mayor