CITY OF PALO ALTO
PROCLAMATION

25th Anniversary of Gamble Garden Center

WHEREAS, the year 2010 is the 25th anniversary of the Palo Alto City Council decision to allow a non-profit organization to take over the 2 ½ acre property that Elizabeth F. Gamble gave to the City and create a community garden; and

WHEREAS, the Garden Club of Palo Alto took the lead to form a non-profit corporation named The Gamble Garden Center to manage the property as a public garden and horticultural center, including the full funding of annual operations and improvements; and

WHEREAS, The Gamble Garden Center then raised over $1,000,000 from private sources for the renovation of the buildings and gardens which was unprecedented at the time for non-profits using City property, and has continued to manage the Gamble property without financial support from the City; and

WHEREAS, Gamble Garden has become one of Palo Alto’s treasures, open every day of the year, free of charge, where citizens of all ages can find a wealth of garden related educational programs, activities and resources, along with a beautiful garden oasis for observation and relaxation; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of volunteers work tirelessly to provide the amenities and services for the education and enjoyment of members of our community and to preserve and maintain the property as a window into the City’s historic past.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PATRICK BURT, Mayor of the City of Palo Alto, on behalf of the City Council do hereby endorse and thank Gamble Garden Center for their 25 years of dedicated service to the community.

Presented: January 2010

Patrick Burt
Mayor