



City of Berkeley Proclamation

IN HONOR OF MARC SILBER

- WHEREAS,** Marc Silber started his musical life as a 19-year old in Detroit with an old Harmony guitar; and
- WHEREAS,** Marc became "hooked" on the story and sounds of the instrument leading to his mastery of guitar; and
- WHEREAS,** In 1960, Marc stumbled upon a Berkeley shop filled with old mandolins and guitars and got himself a job specializing in American roots and blues music, while also perfecting his own playing and producing records such as "Going to a Better Land" and "The Imbecile Daughter of King John the Simp;" and
- WHEREAS,** With his blues voice echoing the doleful era of the Great Depression, Marc's heartfelt recordings and extraordinary finger picking preserve the auditory sensations of poverty, desperation, and hopelessness; and
- WHEREAS,** Marc actively worked to preserve the sound and history of the era for future generations by championing vintage instruments, playing guitar on stage, and teaching blues guitar while collecting, building, and repairing instruments for other players.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor Tom Bates, on behalf of the City of Berkeley do hereby declare November 19, 2013 as

MARC SILBER DAY

in the city of Berkeley in recognition of his musical talent and work to preserve the history of blues, has enriched the City and the community.



Tom Bates

Tom Bates
Mayor

November 19, 2013