

# City of Riverside Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Southern Coastal area of the United States of America was severely damaged by unprecedented Hurricane winds and flood waters in the summer of 2005, and

WHEREAS, many Americans residing in the states of Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas were adversely affected economically, emotionally, physically and spiritually by Nature's wrath and fury that removed all signs of beauty from their communities, and

WHEREAS, the South, which prides itself for beautiful gardens, has undergone cataclysmic destruction and eradication of landscape, and

WHEREAS, the loss of beauty has contributed to a sense of despair and impression of abandonment within many who reside along the Gulf Coast Region, and

WHEREAS, the members of the Riverside Rose Society have implemented a plan of Restoring Roses to Southern Gardens, in cooperation with Habitat for Humanity, The American Rose Society, Master Gardeners and major rose growers across the United States, by which beauty will be restored to their neighbors in the South, one rosebush at a time, and

WHEREAS, a national program has been launched by the Riverside Rose Society to enlist the assistance of Americans across this great nation in a massive letter writing campaign to encourage the hearts of all who receive the gift of a healthy young rose, and

WHEREAS, these roses and letters are intended to convey the heartfelt desire that all who receive them know they are not forgotten by their fellow Americans and that one day, their homes, communities and economy will blossom and grow as do these gifts of beauty they receive;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronald O. Loveridge, Mayor of the City of Riverside, do hereby proclaim May 9, 2006 as

## **RESTORING ROSES TO SOUTHERN GARDENS DAY**

In Riverside and on behalf of the Riverside City Council, I urge the residents of the City of Riverside to celebrate this day by supporting the vital efforts of the Riverside Rose Society by supporting the Restoring Roses to Southern Gardens Project in its honorable work of re-beautifying our battered Southern communities

Ronald O. Loveridge, Mayor  
City of Riverside, California  
May 9, 2006