

PROCLAMATION

HONORING IVAN GAYLER AND NATURE AND CULTURE INTERNATIONAL ON EARTH DAY 2016

WHEREAS, Ivan Gayler founded Nature and Culture International (NCI) in 1996;

WHEREAS, NCI has been headquartered in Del Mar since its inception, and is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year;

WHEREAS, the vision, commitment, and environmental dedication of Ivan Gayler and his "can do" spirit have grown NCI and its outstanding environmental programs to great international success;

WHEREAS, NCI has achieved protection of key ecosystems and habitats in some of the most environmentally important, and endangered, areas of the planet;

WHEREAS, NCI follows a unique "bottom-up" model empowering indigenous populations to preserve and manage local ecosystems in an environmentally sustainable manner, with only eight staff in the U.S. but with over 150 local conservationists in South America and Mexico;

WHEREAS, by way of example, NCI has:

- Successfully worked with the indigenous Maijuna and Kichwa people of Peru to create a reserve larger than Yosemite National Park, spanning nearly one million acres of Amazon rainforest.
- Catalyzed the creation of five reserves in the Andes Mountains of Ecuador, protecting to date 370,000 acres of species-rich cloud forest, with another 200,000 acres targeted for protection this year.
- Funded the creation of four reserves in Colombia, protecting nearly 170,000 acres of critical habitat and water supplies.
- Partnered with Natura Bolivia, a local NGO in Bolivia, to preserve key habitat and water supplies through the protection of 200,000 acres over the next two years.

WHEREAS, Ivan has been a key member of the Del Mar community for more than thirty years finding time to volunteer and assist Del Mar in many local activities;

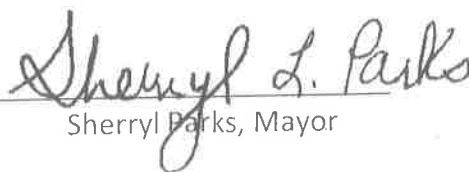
WHEREAS, Ivan formed the Del Mar Partnership with partner David Winkler and built the award winning Del Mar Plaza which contributes much to Del Mar and serves as a local gathering place, and Ivan has meticulously restored one of Del Mar's most prominent historic buildings, the Rock House;

WHEREAS, Del Mar is honored to count Ivan as a local Del Marian and to be the host city for NCI;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the City Council of the City of Del Mar that on behalf of all Del Mar residents and businesses, Earth Day April 22, 2016, is dedicated to Ivan Gayler and NCI.

Dated: April 18, 2016




Sherryl Parks, Mayor