CITY OF PALO ALTO
PROCLAMATION

In Memory of Nathan Oliveira and his Contributions to the Artistic and Local Community

WHEREAS, internationally acclaimed artist Nathan Oliveira died at his Stanford home on November 13, 2010 at age 81, leaving a legacy of artistic and educational achievement that has benefitted the entire community; and

WHEREAS, Nathan Oliveira grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area, attending Mills College and the California College of Arts and Crafts (where he received his B.A. and M.F.A); and

WHEREAS, Nathan Oliveira began his teaching career at Stanford University in 1964, continuing as an active faculty member until his retirement in 1995, in the process mentoring and inspiring hundreds of artists and scholars; and

WHEREAS, the paintings and prints of Nathan Oliveira have been broadly exhibited and collected at prestigious institutions around the world, including the Tate Gallery, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Art Institute of Chicago, the Museum of Modern Art, the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Palo Alto’s own fine arts press Smith Andersen Editions has published several editions of Nathan Oliveira’s prints since 1970; and

WHEREAS, the Palo Alto Art Center featured one of the last significant exhibitions of Nathan Oliveira’s work and the first exhibition focusing entirely on the artist’s sculpture, Nathan Oliveira: the Painter’s Bronzes in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Nathan Oliveira gave the City’s Art in Public Places collection one of his lithographs, Blue Nude from 1975 for the benefit of the citizen’s of Palo Alto; and

WHEREAS, until his passing, Nathan Oliveira had been an active member of the local community. His studio was located on the corner of Emerson and Hamilton in downtown Palo Alto for 25 years, he was a longtime Stanford resident, and his children attended Palo Alto schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sidney A. Espinosa, Mayor of the City of Palo Alto, on behalf of the City Council do hereby proclaim that the City gratefully records and extends its sincere appreciation to Nathan Oliveira for his significant contributions to Palo Alto and the artistic community.

Presented: May 2011

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Sidney A. Espinosa
Mayor