



PROCLAMATION

Whereas, whales and dolphins are known to be highly intelligent and emotional creatures that live in families and other social groupings, associations that last for most, if not all, of their lives and therefore deserve the right to their own freedom and lives; and

Whereas, the City of Malibu has a long history of supporting efforts to protect marine life, including the adoption of Resolutions in 1992, 1993 and 1994 that called for the strengthening of the Marine Mammals Protection Act, encouraged continuing cooperative efforts of governmental and civic organizations to improve the safety of the Santa Monica Bay, Catalina and Channel Islands regions for cetaceans, and urging the International Whaling Commission and its U.S. delegation to recognize whales and dolphins as living cultural resources; and

Whereas, it is every individual's responsibility to ensure that these magnificent creatures are protected in their natural environment to avoid the psychological and physiological harm and high mortality rates found in those living in captivity.

Now, Therefore, be it resolved that the Malibu City Council supports the free and safe passage of all whales and dolphins in our coastal waters and encourages citizens of the world to do all within their power to protect them and preserve the oceans in which they were destined to spend their lives.

Presented this 24th day of February 2014.

On behalf of the Malibu City Council

Joan House

Joan House, Mayor

