

PROCLAMATION

CELEBRATING THE CERTIFICATION OF THE RICHARD E. LYNG BUILDING AS LEADERSHIP IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND DESIGN “GOLD” BY THE UNITED STATES GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL

WHEREAS, in 2009, the University of California, Davis, adopted its Sustainable 2nd Century to celebrate UC Davis’ long-term commitment to environmental, economic and social sustainability, and to continue to use the university’s strengths in teaching, research and public service to address society’s most pressing problems and transform the world; and

WHEREAS, in March 2010, by unanimous vote, the Davis City Council voted to work on global warming and other sustainability issues – in order to achieve total carbon neutrality by mid-century; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2010, the city of Davis approved the Davis Climate Action and Adaptation Plan designed to place the community on a path to achieve its greenhouse gas emission reduction targets, conserve natural resources, protect the environment, address global warming, and reduce the carbon footprint of Davis; and

WHEREAS, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (“LEED”) is a program developed by the United States Green Building Council to certify the greenest-performing buildings in the world. For existing buildings, LEED rates the reduction of environmental impacts, improved operational efficiencies and documented savings; and

WHEREAS, the Richard E. Lyng Building, at 430 G Street, owned by 5th & G Plaza, Inc., managed by Yackzan Group, Inc. and occupied by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), was built as a public-private project assisted by the City of Davis and the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Davis; and

WHEREAS, the Richard E. Lyng Building has been certified as LEED (Leadership in energy and Environmental Design) GOLD for Existing Buildings: Operation and Maintenance (EB: O&M) by the United States Green Building Council; and

WHEREAS, recent improvements to the Richard E. Lyng building include upgrades to the HVAC system, a demand response ventilation system, improved management systems for building exterior, grounds, purchasing, and recycling, and water performance management; and

WHEREAS, the Richard E. Lyng building is the first building in Davis to earn LEED GOLD certification in the Existing Building category.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joe Krovoza, Mayor of Davis, on behalf of the Davis City Council, invite the citizens of Davis and the UC Davis community to join with the Davis City Council to celebrate the certification of the Richard E. Lyng building as Leadership in Energy Efficiency and Design “GOLD” by the United States Green Building Council.

Date: June 21, 2011

Joseph F. Krovoza
Mayor