

# Mayor's Proclamation

## *Proclamation of the Mayor of the City of Pacific Grove Declaring the Last Week of September, 2008 "Sea Otter Awareness Week"*

WHEREAS, the sea otter is a symbol of wilderness, an integral part of California's natural ecosystem, and serves as an indicator for the overall health of California's nearshore marine ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, a growing awareness of the benefits of maintaining the health of the nearshore marine ecosystem has raised public interest in the sea otter; and

WHEREAS, disease from a variety of sources, including land-based biological pathogens, accounts for approximately 40% of the mortality for California sea otters in a given year; and

WHEREAS, the survival of the sea otter in California remains dependent upon continued public support and increased understanding of the essential role sea otters play in nature;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Daniel E. Cort, Mayor of Pacific Grove, California hereby proclaim the last week in September

### **SEA OTTER AWARENESS WEEK**

in Pacific Grove, California, and commend its observance to the people of this City.



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Daniel E. Cort, Mayor  
September 3, 2008