



In recognition of
SUNSHINE WEEK
March 16 – 22, 2008

WHEREAS, Sunshine Week is a national initiative to open a dialogue about the importance of open government and the freedom of information; and

WHEREAS, Sunshine Week is a non-partisan initiative whose supporters are conservative, liberal and every group in between, and its participants include print, broadcast, online news media, civic groups, libraries, non-profits, schools and others interested in the public's right to know; and

WHEREAS, public oversight is the ultimate safeguard of democracy and policies preserving access to information are essential to our national well-being; and

WHEREAS, open government instills public trust and the free flow of information serves to keep the process of government honest and robust; and

WHEREAS, Sunshine Week seeks to enlighten and empower people to play an active role in their government at all levels, and to give them access to information that makes their lives better and their communities stronger; and

WHEREAS, the coverage, commentaries and activities promoting open government during Sunshine Week have led to tangible, meaningful changes to people's lives and the laws that govern them; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to recognize the role of the League of Women Voters of Humboldt County in supporting the goals of Sunshine Week, open government and freedom of information by providing our citizens non-partisan education through public forums, various publications and presentations, assisting citizens with voter registration and continually encouraging citizen participation in government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the City Council of the City of Arcata hereby proclaims March 16th through 22nd, 2008 as **SUNSHINE WEEK** and encourages all citizens to educate themselves and become aware of the government processes which affect their lives.

Dated: March 5, 2008

Mark E. Wheatley, Mayor