

# CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA

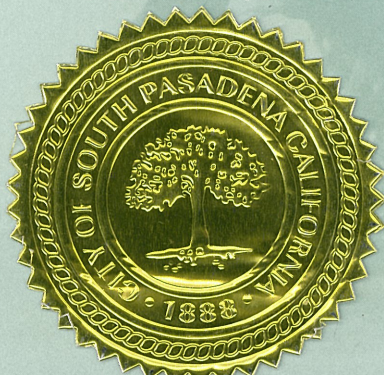
# PROCLAMATION

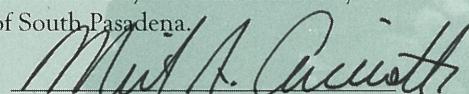


## Declaring March 2, 2017, as "Ray Bradbury Day" in the City of South Pasadena

- WHEREAS, Ray Douglas Bradbury, an American novelist, short story writer, essayist, playwright, screenwriter, and poet author was born in Waukegan, Illinois, on August 22, 1920. He graduated from Los Angeles High School in 1938, and from 1938 to 1942 he sold newspapers on street corners while continuing his education informally in the evening with days at the typewriter and nights at the local library; and
- WHEREAS, in 1943, he became a full-time writer, contributing numerous short stories to periodicals before publishing a collection of them, *Dark Carnival* in 1947. His reputation as a writer of conviction and vision was established with such works as *The Martian Chronicles*, *Dandelion Wine*, *Something Wicked This Way Comes*, *A Medicine for the Melancholy*, *I Sing The Body Electric*, *Death is a Lonely Business*, *The Toynebee Collector*, *The Illustrated Man*, and *Zen in the Art of Writing: Essays on Creativity*; and
- WHEREAS, Ray Bradbury has published more than 30 books, 600 short stories, and numerous poems, essays, and plays; and
- WHEREAS, as a Science Fiction writer, Ray Bradbury produced *Fahrenheit 451*, an indictment of censorship in a future world where the written word is outlawed and rebels memorize works of literature. Many consider it to be his masterwork and it was made into a major motion picture directed by Francois Truffaut; and
- WHEREAS, as a writer for TV, radio, theater and film, Ray Bradbury's credits include the script for the film *Moby Dick*; his show, *The Ray Bradbury Theater*, aired on the Sci-Fi Channel; his animated film on the history of flight, *Icarus Montgolfier Wright*, was nominated for an Academy Award, and his teleplay of *The Halloween Tree* won an Emmy Award from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences; and
- WHEREAS, in 2004, he was awarded the Medal of Arts Lifetime Achievement Award and was the recipient of a special citation by the Pulitzer Board in 2007; and this special recognition is not a Pulitzer Prize, but a recognition of Life Achievement and since the 1970's, Ray Bradbury has been hailed as the Greatest Living American Science Fiction Author and many consider him the Greatest Living American Author; and
- WHEREAS, through the years, many theatrical productions of Ray Bradbury's works have been presented at the Fremont Center Theatre in South Pasadena to enthusiastic audiences, and in 2008 he appeared as Guest of Honor and spoke at a special Author Night Program for the South Pasadena Public Library and the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library that drew more than 600 people; and
- WHEREAS, on August 19, 2010, the South Pasadena Public Library and the Friends of the South Pasadena Public Library presented a free, public showing in the Community Room of the Disney Production's 1983 adaptation of *Something Wicked This Way Comes*; and
- WHEREAS, the Library will be holding a "Fahrenheit 451" Reading Project during the month of March 2017, opened to the entire community to engage in the reading and discussion group.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael A. Cacciotti, Mayor, on behalf of the City Council of the City of South Pasadena, hereby declare March 2, 2017, as "Ray Bradbury Day" in the City of South Pasadena.



  
Michael A. Cacciotti, Mayor

February 15, 2017  
Date