

# Proclamation



## SAVE THE FROGS DAY

APRIL 27, 2013

WHEREAS, amphibians, such as the green tree frog (*Hyla cinerea*) and the pickerel frog (*Rana palustris*) are critical components to ecosystems within the District of Columbia and provide services to nature and humans which include cleaning waterways by eating algae during their tadpole stage; a vital food source to dragonflies, birds, fish and reptiles; and

WHEREAS, frogs comprise the vast majority of amphibian species and are the group most recognized and appreciated by the public; and

WHEREAS, in the District of Columbia, amphibians live in their native habitats within Rock Creek Park, Anacostia Park and the Potomac River watersheds; and

WHEREAS, awareness campaigns, together with educational facilities in this city, help motivate District residents to protect aquatic habitat through such actions as the proper disposal of automobile fluids, household hazardous waste, use of reusable shopping bags, reduction in the use of lawn and garden pesticide, and participation in streamside cleanups throughout the city:

NOW THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2013, as "SAVE THE FROGS DAY" in Washington, D.C. and call upon all the residents of this great city to appreciate and celebrate amphibians.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vincent C. Gray".

