

Proclamation

City and County of San Francisco

WHEREAS, the City and County of San Francisco traditionally recognizes organizations which have made significant and remarkable contributions to the realm of public art, and the vitality of cultural placemaking in the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond, and the crucial and transformative work of FOR-SITE Foundation, as founded by Cheryl Haines, unequivocally represents San Francisco values at their best; and

WHEREAS, founded in 2003, FOR-SITE created a vehicle to present groundbreaking exhibitions as a space to summon curiosity, initiate conversation, and allow growth for creative practitioners and viewers alike through the envelope pushing work of a contemporary art lens by offering opportunities for reflection; and offer sanctuary during one of the most historically unstable periods of our lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Cheryl Haines formed FOR-SITE to celebrate the San Francisco Bay Area's unbridled beauty and has produced 7 large-scale site-specific exhibitions featuring a roster of over 110 artists, all of whom have addressed the most pressing contemporary issues of our time including social justice, human rights, equality and inclusion, climate change and encouraging stewardship of our natural resources. FOR-SITE has supported generations of filmmakers, curators, and artists in San Francisco and beyond by showcasing their work on a free and welcoming platform all can participate; and

WHEREAS, FOR-SITE has undoubtedly become an anchor of our vibrant and inclusive artistic communities by hosting programs, workshops, residencies, and expanded performances that bring together residents and visitors at a cultural nexus of experimentation and growth. It has redefined how public and historic sites can be activated to illuminate the region and the people of San Francisco Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, FOR-SITE leads by example, and has served as best practice model of the power that art has in effecting broad social change and champions the extraordinary places in our national park system offering sites where artists, scientists, and visitors can engage their sensory pathways and collect knowledge for research, teaching, and observation; and

WHEREAS, since its founding FOR-SITE has welcomed more than 1 million visitors, free of charge to its bi-annual exhibitions, created a constellation of 4 major works by British sculptor Andy Goldsworthy, produced 2 publications, directed and present an award-winning major feature length documentary film—Yours Truly—about Ai Wei Wei, and safely activated vacant sites during the Covid-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, FOR-SITE is an integral part of our City's arts ecosystem and its founder's indefatigable dedication to sparking curiosity, uplifting artistry, and educating our City deserves a grand celebration; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, **London N. Breed**, Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco, in recognition of the 20th anniversary of their opening, do hereby proclaim May 1st, 2023 as...

FOR-SITE DAY

...in San Francisco!



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City and County of San Francisco to be affixed.

A blue ink signature of London N. Breed.

London N. Breed
Mayor