

CITY OF SAN JOSE
Proclamation

WHEREAS: The Underground Railroad was an informal network of secret routes, safe houses, and individuals used by slaves to escape slavery, and San José, from its early history, had those who fought against slavery and later actively participated in the Underground Railroad; and;

WHEREAS: Mary Ann Day Brown, the widow of John Brown of Harper's Ferry fame, and daughter Ellen, who were both members of the Underground Railroad coast to coast movement, are buried locally in the Madronia Cemetery in Saratoga, and with the passage of Public Law 105-203 in 1998 by Congress, the National Parks Service was commissioned to establish the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program to tell the story of resistance against slavery in the United States through escape and flight; and

WHEREAS: There are local initiatives to research and to educate the community about the significance of the Underground Railroad in our local and California history, and beginning in October there will be exhibits and presentations at different venues in San José, including History Park San José, San José State University Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library, and other San José schools and libraries.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chuck Reed, Mayor of San José, together with Councilmember Ash Kalra, and our colleagues on the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2010 as

UNDERGROUND RAILROAD AWARENESS MONTH

In recognition of the national Underground Railroad awareness initiative, and the historical groups, museums, and individuals in San José for their work and contributions.

Chuck Reed

The Honorable Chuck Reed
MAYOR

Ash Kalra

Ash Kalra, Councilmember



Attested to by:

Lee Price

Lee Price, City Clerk