

A Proclamation Designating May 2007 As Theatre Bristol Month

Whereas, Cathy DeCaterina, a Bristol native, studied music at Sullins College in Bristol, the Julliard School of Music in New York, and had private vocal coaching with John Quinlan, a well-known teacher in New York, and

Whereas, through a booking agent, Cathy began playing the nightclubs in New York, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Canada, traveling by train and bus during the war years, staying in New York long enough to meet and marry a young Navy diver named Frank DeCaterina, and

Whereas, the couple lived in many cities until the end of Mr. DeCaterina's Navy career, during which time Frank, Diane, and Lynn were born, and

Whereas, the DeCaterinas settled in Bristol in 1961, where Cathy founded the forerunner to Theatre Bristol - the Bristol Children's Theatre in 1965, and

Whereas, Cathy was instrumental in changing the Children's Theatre to Theatre Bristol in 1978 to incorporate a full season of productions for general audiences, and

Whereas, Theatre Bristol is the oldest Community Children's Theatre in the State of Tennessee, and

Whereas, Theatre Bristol makes a significant contribution to Upper East Tennessee's and Southwest Virginia's children providing live performing arts, and

Whereas, Theatre Bristol's Summer School of the Arts provides cultural and artistic education, and

Whereas, the celebration of May Children's Theatre Month, highlighting the Live Performing Arts, will occur in May, 2007,

Now, Therefore, We, James E. Messimer, Mayor of the City of Bristol, Tennessee and C. Farnham Jarrard, Mayor of the City of Bristol, Virginia, hereby recognize Cathy DeCaterina's contributions to Theatre Bristol and to the Bristol community and hereby proclaim May 2007

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in Bristol and encourage our citizens to join us in this worthy observance.

This 3rd day of April, 2007.

*Mayor James E. Messimer
Bristol, Tennessee*

*Mayor C. Farnham Jarrard, Jr.
Bristol, Virginia*