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Proclamation
Issued by the Mayor

Celebrating the 78th Camellia Society Show March 2 & 3, 2002

WHEREAS, this Sacramento tradition continues thanks to the hard work and dedication of the Camellia Society of Sacramento, local hobbyists since 1943; and

WHEREAS, over 3,500 camellia varieties will be in full bloom suitable for public viewing with over fifty trophies and hundreds of ribbons awarded to those exhibiting the most distinguished bloom and unique artistry in arrangements; and

WHEREAS, this year's show "2002: Red, White and Blue" is absolutely *free* to all who enter and view the marvel beauty of Sacramento's official flower, but will also enjoy a camellia boutique, camellia plant sale, Matsuyama Sister City booth, garden display by Capital Nursery and camellia button art work proudly performed by students from John F. Kennedy High School; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Camellia Society has diligently earned the respect and admiration from public and private horticultural organizations throughout the State as well as from camellia enthusiasts and societies that herald national and international significance.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Heather Fargo, Mayor of the City of Sacramento, do hereby proclaim March 2 & 3, 2002 as the 78th **Camellia Society Show** in the City of Sacramento and graciously applaud your leadership in continuing this long-standing tradition in our great city that enables Sacramento to pride itself as *the* "Camellia Capitol of the World".

ISSUED: This 26th Day of February 2002.

**HEATHER FARGO
MAYOR**