

State Historical Resources Commission

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-12

RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION

Kimberly-Shirk Association

WHEREAS, in 1969 the Kimberly-Shirk Association was formed to manage Prospect Park, a 39-acre botanical park acquired by the City of Redlands in 1968, and in 1979 Mary Kimberly Shirk left her adjacent French chateau style home Kimberly Crest to the Association for the people of Redlands; and,

WHEREAS, since that time the Kimberly-Shirk Association has been dedicated to the preservation of Kimberly Crest House and Gardens: the house designed by the Los Angeles-based firm of Dennis & Farwell, built in 1897 for Mrs. Cornelia A. Hill and purchased by J. Alfred Kimberly and Helen Cheney Kimberly in 1905, a 7,000-square-foot three-story chateau on a six-and-one-quarter-acre estate with Italian terraced gardens designed by G. Edwin Bergstrom, a prominent Los Angeles architect; and

WHEREAS, through the Kimberly-Shirk Association's interpretive tours of the house and gardens, seasonal tours, special events, and facility rental for weddings, the Association has generated significant revenue used for preservation of this example of the Victorian Era in California; and,

WHEREAS, members of the Kimberly-Shirk Docent Auxiliary conduct tours and staff the Carriage House Gift Shop, support a wide variety of on-site events and educational programs for children and adults, and participate in administration activities, floral arranging, and exhibit preparation; and,

WHEREAS, the Kimberly-Shirk Association desires to share the aesthetic experience of the estate; educate visitors about the history and significance of the events, people, objects, and culture of Kimberly Crest; and inspire in others the vision and leadership in education, philanthropy, community, and human values exemplified by Mary Kimberly Shirk;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that official recognition on behalf of the State Historical Resources Commission and the State Historic Preservation Officer is given to the Kimberly-Shirk Association for its ongoing preservation, interpretation, and fundraising efforts; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be recorded in the minutes of the State Historical Resources Commission and a suitable copy presented to the Kimberly-Shirk Association.

October 28, 2011

STATE HISTORICAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

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