

# State Historical Resources Commission

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-08

## RESOLUTION OF RECOGNITION

### Friends of Greystone

**WHEREAS**, Greystone Mansion was built in 1928 for Edward Laurence Doheny, Jr., the son of an oil baron; the grounds designed by landscape architect Paul Thiene and the house designed by architect Gordon Kaufman; the grounds incorporated two cascading waterfalls, two lakes, a greenhouse, swimming pool and pavilion, tennis courts, kennels, playhouse, stables, and a gatehouse; the house combined a 19<sup>th</sup> century English revival style exterior including two story turrets faced with Indiana limestone, Welsh slate, and leaded glass windows with an 18<sup>th</sup> century style interior including fifty-five livable rooms in 46,054 square feet, including the entertainment wing consisting of a theater, bowling alley, and billiard room; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1965 the City of Beverly Hills purchased Greystone, in 1969 leased the mansion to the American Film Institute who remained there until 1982, in 1971 formally dedicated Greystone Park, and in 1976 successfully listed Greystone in the National Register of Historical Places; and

**WHEREAS**, the Friends of Greystone was founded to preserve, restore, protect, promote, and enhance Greystone Mansion, as well as promote ongoing activities for the enjoyment and enrichment of the public; and

**WHEREAS**, through the Friends of Greystone's cultural and educational activities, and special events, this nonprofit organization has generated significant revenue used for restoration of one of the few great houses of the Gilded Age of American architecture to survive relatively intact in Southern California;

**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 Friends of Greystone for its ongoing preservation, restoration, 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 Friends of Greystone.

August 3, 2012

STATE HISTORICAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

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