



Andrea Palladio Day

November 30, 2008

A PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WHEREAS, today marks the 500th Anniversary of the birth of the Italian architect Andrea Palladio who is regarded as one of the most important architects in history; and

WHEREAS, Palladio's treatise, *The Four Books of Architecture*, has shaped much of the architecture of Europe and the Americas; and

WHEREAS, Palladio's pioneering reconstruction and restoration drawings of ancient Roman temples in *The Four Books* provided inspiration for many of the great American classical edifices of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries; and

WHEREAS, the United States Capitol Building and the White House reflect the influence of Palladio's architecture, as do the West Building of the National Gallery of Art and the John A. Wilson Building; and

WHEREAS, the John A. Wilson Building, the seat of government of the District of Columbia, which is celebrating the 100th anniversary of its dedication, was directly inspired by Palladio's *Palazzo Iseppo Porto* in Vicenza, Italy:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim November 30, 2008, as "**ANDREA PALLADIO DAY**" in Washington, DC, and call upon all the residents of this great city to join me in celebrating the sesquicentennial of Andrea Palladio.



Adrian M. Fenty
Mayor, District of Columbia