Decree No.
(of November 13, 2008)

By which the distinction of the "Keys to the City" are conferred upon
The Honorable Dennis Berkey

CONSIDERING:

That the Municipal Agreement No. 132 dated August 20, 1996 issued by
the Honorable Municipal Council establishes the honors and distinctions
that are conferred by the Municipality of Panama, through the Mayor's
Office or the Council;

That the Honorable Dennis Berkey received a B.A. in Mathematics from
Muskingum University in 1969, an M.A. in Mathematics from the
University of Miami in 1971 and a Ph.D. in Mathematics from the
University of Cincinnati in 1974;

That the Honorable Dennis Berkey, President of Worcester Polytechnic
Institute (WPI), was recognized in 1978 by Boston University in the United
States with the Metcalf distinction for "Excellence in Teaching;"

That the Honorable Dennis Berkey has published two textbooks, both in
their third edition "Calculus" and "Applied Calculus for Management,
Social, and Life Sciences;"

That the Honorable Dennis Berkey is the Fifteenth President of Worcester
Polytechnic Institute [WPI], a higher education institution which promotes
innovation and an interdisciplinary approach to problem solving and
sustainable development, taking into consideration the best interests of
society and the global environment, and in which more than thirty (30)
Panamanian students have graduated since 1980 to date, mostly
engineers, and most of them currently occupying leadership positions in
the private sector and non-profit organizations, as well as recognized
corporations in the Republic of Panama;

That the Honorable Dennis Berkey, as President of Worcester Polytechnic
Institute [WPI], stamped his vision and leadership in the university,
assuring its position as an institution that offers leading edge engineering
and science programs, committed to creativity and the effective application
of knowledge for the utmost development of human potential;
That under the leadership of Honorable Dennis Berkey, Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), has engaged with the strengthening of K-12 math and science teaching, promoting programs that motivate students to study mathematics and the sciences, aspiring to pursue college level careers;

That the Honorable Dennis Berkey is member of various Boards, such as the Massachusetts Biomedical Initiative, the Worcester Research Bureau, the Massachusetts Math and Science Initiative and Leaders for Education, as well as being a member of the Massachusetts High Technology Council, the American Mathematics Society, the Mathematical Association of America and the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics.

That the Honorable Dennis Berkey is a recognized leader and innovator whose distinguished academic carrier includes 30 years of service in teaching, chief of academic service, dean and provost of a well recognized university.

That the Honorable Dennis Berkey and the university it represents have demonstrated throughout the years a special interest in our country and in the development of strong relations with alumni from the Republic of Panama.

**IT HEREBY RESOLVES:**

**FIRST: TO DECLARE** Honorable Dennis Berkey a Distinguished Citizen of the Republic of Panama.

**SECOND: TO PRESENT** Honorable Dennis Berkey with the “Keys to the City” as a meritorious and noteworthy recognition for his significant contributions for the enrichment and development of mathematics.

**TO BE COMMUNICATED AND EXECUTED,**

Iván Arrocha
Mayor of the District of Panama, a.i.

Norberta A. Tejada Cano
General Secretary