

# PROCLAMATION OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## **RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2016 ART CHAMPION AWARDS AS NOMINATED BY THE COMMUNITY AND SELECTED BY THE ARTS COUNCIL OF MENDOCINO COUNTY; SAVINGS BANK OF MENDOCINO COUNTY, BUSINESS CHAMPION; DEBBIE BOWLES, INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION; ELLIOTT LITTLE, ARTIST CHAMPION; PAVLOS MAYAKIS, EDUCATION CHAMPION AND SPACE, ARTS ORGANIZATION CHAMPION**

WHEREAS, the Arts Council of Mendocino County's mission is to promote the arts and cultivate creativity to benefit and enrich the lives of residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Savings Bank of Mendocino County actively supports the arts in our community. Savings Bank provides financial support to arts organizations throughout the county on a regular basis and helps to publicize and showcase local artists in a wide range of media, by providing space for art exhibits in all of their branches throughout the county. Rotating art exhibits keep bank décor fresh and interesting, educate and inspire the incidentally passing public, and give local artists exposure, experience and encouragement; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Bowles, owner of The Fat Quail Quilt Shop in Laytonville is the recipient of the Individual Art Champion Award. She and her shop have become the focus of creative activities including a local quilting guild, an annual quilt show and sale that raise money for a local scholarship fund, and other services and activities that have been featured in national publications and have helped put Mendocino County on the global quilting map. The shop provides a place for quilters to work, machines for lessons and creations, a related library and bookshop, and an inspiring selection of fabrics; and

WHEREAS, Elliot Little, winner of the Art Champion Award in the Artist category, is a photographer who has cultivated not only his own technical and artistic skill but those of other local artists, helping them to develop and show their work. Elliot plays a key role in the annual Student Photography Show, which featured 500 photographs this year by students at four county high schools. A Ukiah resident of over forty years, Elliot's work has been shown at galleries in Ukiah, Mendocino and Willits, and has been featured in two regional publications; and

WHEREAS, Pavlos Mayakis, Art Champion in the Education category, is an instructor at Mendocino College in Fort Bragg, coordinator of the Fiber Arts programs at the Mendocino Art Center, and a board member of Pacific Textile Arts. In addition to being an artist, he is continually promoting education in art, textiles, and mixed media, led a committee to select a new logo for Pacific Textile Arts, continues to take classes himself, and brings renowned artists as guest teachers in his classes; and

WHEREAS, this year's Arts Champion in the category of Art Organization is SPACE (School of Performing Arts and Cultural Education), which has been a dynamic generator of creative, original children's dance, music and theater programs since it was founded by Paulette Arnold and Laurel Near in 1995. SPACE provides scholarships and other assistance to low-income and at-risk youth. Through quality instruction and original performance pieces, SPACE cultivates future generations of young performance artists.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby recognizes Savings Bank of Mendocino County, Debbie Bowles, Elliot Little, Pavlos Mayakis and SPACE as the 2016 Art Champions of Mendocino County, and calls upon its citizens to honor the contributions these individuals and organizations have made to enrich cultural life.

Dated: October 18, 2016

---

Dan Gjerde, Chair