

PROCLAMATION OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2017 ART CHAMPION AWARDS AS NOMINATED BY THE COMMUNITY AND SELECTED BY THE ARTS COUNCIL OF MENDOCINO COUNTY; THE HEADLANDS COFFEE HOUSE, BUSINESS CHAMPION; JANET SELF, INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION; ADELE PRUITT, ARTIST CHAMPION; AND TRUDY MCCREANOR, EDUCATION 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 Headlands Coffee House is the recipient of the Business Champion of the Arts Award. They actively support the arts in our community; and offer an inviting atmosphere for enjoying art and live music while sipping and supping, seven days a week. Art shows change each month, and are displayed on all available wall space. They are one of the few local venues for live music, and the musicians in their lineup are mostly locals; and

WHEREAS, Janet Self is the recipient of the Individual Art Champion Award. She is the founder of FLOCKworks in Mendocino, which has involved thousands of adults and children in community art projects in the last ten years. Janet says, "I believe the act of creating gives courage, insight, freedom, patience and hope. It opens new understanding of the word, and can shape people and community." According to one nominator, Janet "is a source of encouragement and enthusiasm...and diligent work to weave in and draw out more creativity from our local communities. Janet makes the North Coast a more vibrant and interesting place to live."

WHEREAS, Adele Pruitt, winner of the Art Champion Award in the Artist category. Her long career in teaching art began in the Bay Area in 1947, and she owned the Renaissance Gallery in Ukiah. At age 94, Adele continues to teach painting in a wide variety of materials and techniques, including art restoration, and has her own art restoration business. Many of her students as well as items of her own work have won awards and achieved commercial success; and

WHEREAS, Trudy McCreanor, Art Champion in the Education category. She is the Artistic Director of Mendocino Ballet in Ukiah since 2001 and past board member of the Arts Council. Trudy has implemented comprehensive, professional Classical Ballet training for serious dancers, and recreational dance classes in ballet, tap, jazz, modern dance, and creative dance for students of all ages, including cultural exchanges with dance schools in France; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby recognizes The Headlands Coffee House, Janet Self, Adele Pruitt, and Trudy McCreanor as the 2017 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 17, 2017

John McCowen, Chair