

# PROCLAMATION

OF THE

## MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

### RECOGNIZING 50 YEARS OF SERVICE OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY MUSEUM

WHEREAS, the Mendocino County Historical Society conceived, planned, financed, and built the Mendocino County Museum, as the guardian of Mendocino County history and repository for the public inheritance of Mendocino County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Willits joined in the creation of the Mendocino County Museum and made possible its central location by providing the land on which the Museum resides through a long-term, dollar per year lease; and

WHEREAS, the Mendocino County Museum was opened on June 11, 1972, incorporating the collections of the Willits Frontier Museum; and

WHEREAS, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors exercised foresight and public leadership in accepting the resources and responsibilities of the Mendocino County Museum from the Mendocino County Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, the Mendocino County Museum has been fortunate to have had the support of the entire County community and the assistance of many volunteers and scholars; and

WHEREAS, the Mendocino County Museum, in partnership with the Roots of Motive Power, formed the Redwood Empire Railroad History Project and secured grant funding that led to the construction of the Exhibition and Learning Center, the Long and Tall Galleries, and the Engine House; and

WHEREAS, the Museum has, for the past 50 years, been a potent force for discovery of local history; conservation of artifacts, photographs, and archives; connections among historians, archaeologists, conservators, authors, and artists; and creative endeavors in education and public programming; and

WHEREAS, the Mendocino County Museum celebrates the characters and cultures, diversity and environment, opportunities and challenges of Mendocino County;

WHEREAS, the Mendocino County Museum, along with the Skunk Train, restaurants, theaters, galleries, wineries, and breweries, attracts significant numbers of tourists to vacation and lodge in our County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby proclaims June, 2022, as:

“The Fiftieth Anniversary of the Mendocino County Museum”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors honors the contributions of the former Boards of Supervisors serving as the Museum Boards of Trustees, the Museum Boards of Advisors, the Museum Directors and Staff, the Volunteers and Friends of the Museum, and the Donors of Funds and Artifacts over the past fifty years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors, in its role as the Museum Board of Trustees, affirms its commitment to its public stewardship of the Museum’s collections of artifacts and archives, facilities and staff, and to the provision of stable and sufficient public financial and program support in partnership with the Mendocino County Community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors recognizes the unique and multi-faceted role of the Mendocino County Museum as inheritor, conservator, archivist, researcher, interpreter, exhibitor, and educator of Mendocino County’s past and present, as well as a key participant in the County’s visitor service economy, and a guide and contributor to the most positive visions of Mendocino County’s future.

Dated: June 21, 2022

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Ted Williams, Chair