

# PROCLAMATION

OF THE

## **MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MENDOCINO THEATRE COMPANY AND DECLARING MAY 20, 2026, AS MENDOCINO THEATRE COMPANY DAY IN MENDOCINO COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, the Mendocino Theatre Company was created in 1976 by a group of artists and crafts persons led by Ms. Sandra Hawthorne and Mr. Don Murray; and

**WHEREAS**, they were determined to utilize their skills and love of live theatre to create a company dedicated to bringing the shared experience of theatre to the Mendocino community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Company's commitment to producing live theatre by and for the coastal community and its guests has been steadfast for fifty years; and

**WHEREAS**, the arts contribute to the cultural vitality of Mendocino County and provide meaningful opportunities for community engagement, including participation by youth; and

**WHEREAS**, those who have pledged financial support to the Mendocino Theatre Company over many years should be recognized and appreciated; and

**WHEREAS**, those who have contributed long hours and personal commitment to the art of live theatre, striving to fulfill the highest standards of artistic achievement, should be recognized and appreciated; and

**WHEREAS**, those who have provided essential support behind the scenes to ensure the successful operation of the Company should also be recognized and appreciated; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been the goal of all involved to bring live theatre, and the emotional and intellectual engagement it fosters, to the community of Mendocino and its visitors;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino, hereby recognizes the 50th anniversary of the Mendocino Theatre Company and proclaims May 20, 2026, as:

**"MENDOCINO THEATRE COMPANY DAY"**

Dated:

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Bernie Norvell, Chair