

City of Petaluma

Proclamation

CELEBRATING EL DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS, PETALUMA-2024

WHEREAS, El Día de los Muertos, Petaluma is a memorial celebration from Latin and South America when loved ones who have died are welcomed back as honored guests between October 31 and November 2; and

WHEREAS, El Día de Los Muertos Petaluma is a non-profit cross-cultural organization that has planned a Citywide celebration of El Día de los Muertos, Petaluma since 2000; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of El Día de los Muertos builds bridges between communities in Petaluma and provides opportunities to remember, in community, loved ones who have died; and

WHEREAS, by honoring those who have gone before us and the arts and culture of Latin and South America, we honor our shared humanity; and

WHEREAS, residents of all ages and all cultural and ethnic groups are finding Petaluma's celebration of El Día de los Muertos to be comforting and engaging; and

WHEREAS, through the celebration of El Día de los Muertos, Petaluma, the community is united in providing cultural offerings Citywide.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Kevin McDonnell, Mayor of Petaluma, along with the members of the Petaluma City Council, do hereby proclaim October 1st to November 2nd 2024 as "*El Día de los Muertos, Petaluma 2024*" in recognition of the cultural contributions of Latin and South America, the human need to honor loved ones who have died and the importance of building community to improve the quality of life for all residents in Petaluma.

Kevin McDonnell, Mayor

Caitlin Corley, City Clerk