

Proclamation

In Recognition of Councilmember Mike Healy
January 1999 to January 2007 AND January 2009 to January 2025

WHEREAS, let it be known that Councilmember Mike Healy, elected for six terms to the City Council in 1998, 2002, 2008, 2012, 2016, and 2020, and served as Vice Mayor in 2002, 2011, and 2018, for a total service to our community of 24 years, has additionally faithfully and thoughtfully served the residents of the City of Petaluma on the Planning Commission, Bicycle Committee, Fairgrounds Ad Hoc Committee, Sonoma County Transportation Authority, Recreation, Music, and Parks Commission, Airport and Youth Commissions, Legislative Committee of the Sonoma Mayors & Councilmembers, North Bay Watershed Association, North Bay Water Reuse Authority, Sonoma County Water Agency Zone 2A Advisory Committee, Petaluma Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency, and the CalCities Board of Directors, including serving as President of its North Bay Division; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Healy is a dedicated community leader and fervent historian whose institutional knowledge and mastery of the intersection of both California State and local laws and ordinances has been invaluable in Council deliberations and decision-making, and not someone to be easily replaced; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Mike Healy was a leading advocate for establishing the commercial development impact fee which supports affordable housing, was instrumental in the completion of the Buckelew Housing and PEP Senior and Veterans River City housing projects, as well as the current construction of the Burbank River Place housing project, all of which support and house some of our most vulnerable community members, and was a relentless proponent for tenant protections, including for our mobile home park residents; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Healy participated in two city delegations to Washington D.C. to successfully lobby on Capitol Hill and at the Pentagon for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers funding to resolve the historic flooding problem of the Payran neighborhood and staunchly supported City efforts to secure the City's first new revenue source, Measure U, which has leveraged nearly \$200 million in grant funding and is creating a City that works for everyone, and will help keep the City fiscally and organizationally sustainable for generations of Petalumans to come; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Healy played a leading role in the development of Theatre Square that offers housing, parking, retail, and dining in the heart of Petaluma's beautiful downtown, as well as a first-run movie theater that he championed after meeting with the 'Superb Seven', a group of seven Petaluma Junior High students who wanted a movie theater to walk to downtown, resulting in the Boulevard Cinemas, that serves and entertains teens and adults alike; and

WHEREAS, by far, the longest project Councilmember Healy worked on was securing that special place known as Lafferty Ranch by working with Bill Kortum, Matt Maguire, Larry Modell and many others to offer public access to a City-owned and protected glorious open space for all to enjoy; and

WHEREAS, while Councilmember Healy had a private law practice, his primary professional dedication and love was to the City—joining when his children, Meg and Tom, were three and six years old at the beginning of his first term, and his countless hours spent researching and strategizing on solutions for some of the most challenging issues facing our City will always be valued and appreciated; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Kevin McDonnell, Mayor of Petaluma, along with the members of the Petaluma City Council, do hereby proclaim the 16th day of December, 2024 as **MIKE HEALY DAY** and extend our congratulations, endless gratitude, and appreciation for his faithful and distinguished service to City Council and the residents of the City of Petaluma.

Kevin McDonnell, Mayor

Caitlin Corley, City Clerk