

City of Petaluma Proclamation

NATIONAL PRESERVATION MONTH – MAY 2023

WHEREAS, in 1973 the National Trust for Historic Preservation established National Preservation Week to promote historic places for the purpose of instilling national and community pride, promoting heritage tourism, and showing the social and economic benefits of historic preservation; and

WHEREAS, in 2005 the National Trust extended National Preservation Week to National Preservation Month to provide an even longer opportunity to celebrate diverse and unique heritages and Petaluma's Historic and Cultural Preservation Committee and other residents, groups, and organizations support this event and work hard to preserve Petaluma's past for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Petaluma has several policies, programs, and ordinances in place which seek to protect its historic resources including the Central Petaluma Specific Plan, General Plan, and Chapter 15 of the Implementing Zoning Ordinance whose purpose is to promote public health, safety, and general welfare through the protection, enhancement, and perpetuation of historic and archaeological resources that are reminders of past eras, events, and individuals important to local, state or national history and provide significant examples of architectural styles which are unique and irreplaceable by developing and maintaining appropriate settings and environments for such history; and

WHEREAS, the City of Petaluma has Native American and historic cultural resource sites which contribute to the unique character of Petaluma, including two locally designated historic districts (the Oakhill-Brewster and "A" Street Historic Districts) and one nationally-designated historic district (the Petaluma Historic Commercial District); and

WHEREAS, historic preservation is an effective tool for managing growth and sustainable development, maintaining community character, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride, and promoting knowledge of the living heritage of the past.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Kevin McDonnell, Mayor of Petaluma, along with the members of the Petaluma City Council, do hereby recognize and celebrate May 2023 as National Preservation Month and call upon the residents of Petaluma to celebrate National Preservation Month by viewing historic resources throughout Petaluma and through various exhibits organized by the Petaluma Historical Library and Museum and other organizations, including the Petaluma Trolley, that promote historic resources in the City.

Kevin McDonnell, Mayor

Kendall Sawyer, City Clerk