

# City of Petaluma

## Proclamation

### ***CELEBRATING EL DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS, PETALUMA-2023***

**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 1<sup>st</sup> to November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023 as "***El Día de los Muertos, Petaluma 2023***" 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.

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*Kevin McDonnell, Mayor*

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*Kami Noriega, Interim City Clerk*