

CITY OF NAPA **PROCLAMATION**

ART ASSOCIATION NAPA VALLEY *75th Anniversary Celebration*

- WHEREAS,** Celebrating their 75th Anniversary, the Napa Valley Art Association officially became an organization on March 31, 1948, in support of the many local artists looking for a community, and was later renamed Art Association Napa Valley (AANV); and
- WHEREAS,** In 1953, the City of Napa turned over the grant deed for 1520 Behrens Street (where the original Napa Fire Department horse stables had been located) to Theo McFall, the founding member of AANV; and
- WHEREAS,** In 1955, the laying of the cornerstone for the new building created a location where members meet, artists provide demonstrations, the community has meeting space, and the arts and culture of the accumulated wisdom, intellect, and creative imagination of our residents, county-wide, can thrive; and
- WHEREAS,** In 1956, the Deed of Trust for 1520 Behrens Street was turned over to AANV by Theo McFall and AANV held their first General Meeting at this location; and
- WHEREAS,** In 1963, AANV became a founding member of the newly formed Napa Valley Arts Council, and in the mid-2000's provided Napa School District arts program funding of \$15,000 over three years in partnership with NVAC and the California Arts Alliance; and
- WHEREAS,** In 1967, the first AANV exhibit happened at the Depot Gallery, showing in the historic railroad station and later that year, the Grand Opening of the Vintage Gallery of AANV happened at Vintage 1870 in Yountville; and
- WHEREAS,** Currently, AANV facilitates and supports art and culture throughout Napa County through the Art Center at Behrens Street, Art Gallery Napa Valley on First Street, the Clay & Glass Center on Jefferson Street, and through Open Studios, the collaborative effort that showcases over sixty artists annually throughout Napa Valley in their studio environments as a free tour over two weekends in September; and
- WHEREAS,** Annually, AANV provides Scholarships to high school and college art students, having given over \$110,000 to date; and
- WHEREAS,** In celebration of 75th Anniversary of Art Association Napa Valley we are reminded of the importance of community collaboration in creating a culture rich in self-expression through arts as a common language, the importance of the arts for a healthy economy, and historic significance of the arts on our sense of place and home.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Scott Sedgley, Mayor of the City of Napa, along with the Napa City Council do hereby recognize **Art Association Napa Valley's 75th Anniversary** and call upon our citizens to celebrate and promote arts and culture by participation in the diverse arts and culture organizations, activities, and events throughout the county.

Dated: March 21, 2023

SCOTT SEDGLEY, MAYOR
CITY OF NAPA