

# CITY OF NAPA PROCLAMATION

## *Historic Preservation Month* *May 2023*

**WHEREAS**, the National Parks Service's Register of Historic Places is authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. The National Register program coordinates and supports public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, protect, and adapt for re-use, America's historic, cultural, and archeological resources; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1973, May was designated "Preservation Month" to raise awareness of historic preservation and the continuity it builds between past, present, and future to instill national and community pride, promote heritage tourism and show the social, economic, and environmental benefits of historic preservation; and

**WHEREAS**, Napa County is home to irreplaceable historic resources including stone bridges, 19th Century wineries, Victorian-era commercial buildings, our WPA-era Post Offices as well as architect-designed residences; and

**WHEREAS**, Napa County Landmarks (NCL), founded in 1974 by John Whitridge, is a non-profit organization that fosters appreciation and preservation of historic buildings, sites and districts through education programs, public policy, research, and technical assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, NCL creates community discussion and preservation of our historic resources to protect and re-use them, create jobs, stabilize property values and preserve existing housing stock; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the year, NCL creates awareness of historic preservation through the Holiday Candlelight Tour, Annual Preservation Awards, walking and biking tours of historic areas as well as the creation of the Ten Threatened Treasures list of endangered historic places facing potential demolition; and

**WHEREAS**, NCL provides high school scholarships to promote interest in Napa County history in our local youth as well as distributes *A Napa Coloring Book* free to all third graders in Napa County; and

**WHEREAS**, NCL recognizes Napa County preservation through the Preservationist of the Year award and Awards of Merit to honor those who restore, rehabilitate, or adapt an historic resource for continued use.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Scott Sedgley, Mayor of the City of Napa, along with the Napa City Council, do hereby proclaim *May 2023 as Historic Preservation Month* in the City of Napa and call on our citizens to support preservation and Napa County Landmarks efforts to preserve the rich history of Napa.

Dated: May 2, 2023

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SCOTT SEDGLEY, MAYOR  
CITY OF NAPA