

CITY OF NAPA

PROCLAMATION

Historic Preservation Month *May 2022*

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 Home Tour, Annual Preservation Awards, walking tours of historic areas as well as the creation of the Ten Threatened Treasures list of historic places facing neglect and 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 NVUSD third graders in Napa County; and

WHEREAS, annually, NCL recognizes Napa County preservation through the Preservationist of the Year award and Awards of Merit to honor those who have restored existing buildings at least 50 years old or have rehabilitated or adapted an historic building or site for a new 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 2022 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 3, 2022

SCOTT SEDGLEY, MAYOR
CITY OF NAPA