

Proclamation

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS | NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Historic Preservation Month - May 2023

WHEREAS, the National Park 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 Works Progress Administration-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 neglect and potential demolition; and

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that this Board of Supervisors, County of Napa, State of California, on this 2nd day of May 2023, does hereby proclaim **May 2023** is **Historic Preservation Month** in Napa County. We call on all members of the community to support preservation and Napa County Landmarks' efforts to preserve the rich history of Napa County.

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