

# Proclamation

*In Recognition of Mayor Teresa Barrett  
January 8, 2007 to January 2023*

**WHEREAS**, let it be known that Mayor Teresa Barrett, elected three consecutive times to the City Council in 2006, 2010, and 2014, serving as Vice Mayor in 2009 and 2017, and was overwhelmingly elected to a four-year term as our esteemed Mayor in 2018, and has been an invaluable contributor to, and ardent champion of, our quality of life in Petaluma and with humility, grace, and a steadfast commitment, has tirelessly and consistently put the interests and well-being of our community front and center; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Barrett, dedicating nearly a quarter century to the political life of her community, and in more capacities and perhaps longer than any other Petaluman, has honorably and fastidiously served on the Planning, Recreation, Music, and Parks, Youth, Sonoma County Library and Local Agency Formation Commissions, Site Plan and Architectural Review, Pedestrian Bicycle Advisory, Animal Services Advisory, Technology, and Sonoma County Water Agency Zone 2A Advisory Committees, Sonoma County Library Joint Powers Agreement Ad Hoc Committee, Transient Occupancy Tax Subcommittee, Petaluma Library Advisory Board, North Bay Water Reuse Authority, Disaster Council, Mayor and Councilmembers Association, and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Barrett advocated for fiscal and organizational sustainability and was instrumental in securing the City's first new revenue source, Measure U, which continues to exponentially benefit our community now and for generations to come, and has allowed Petaluma to lead and be the full-service City our residents need and deserve; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 2, 2019, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers visited Petaluma to meet with Mayor Barrett and Congressman Jared Huffman and tour the Petaluma River, and Mayor Barrett presented her 'Mayor's Dredge Pledge' that reflected community-wide support with nearly 3,700 signatures in just three short weeks which resulted in the first dredging of the Petaluma River in nearly two decades and allowed our community the ability to reclaim our River; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Barrett, has served with a deft balance of erudite, accessibility, passion and calmness—a rare combination of leadership traits—and demonstrated her keen intellect and seriousness in which she took her charge, with her preparedness at every meeting, and her analysis of complex documents from development applications to Environmental Impact Reports to General Plans and her uncanny ability to analyze, retain, and hone in on long-term impacts from flooding to climate change to traffic and focusing on important details, but never losing track of the big picture; and

**WHEREAS**, Mayor Barrett's accomplishments are much more vast and significant, and the impact of her work on behalf of our community is more palpable, than can be captured in a single proclamation, our gratitude to her is endless for leading us through dark and difficult times, and into the light and the renaissance of our beloved Petaluma.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Dennis Pocekay, Vice Mayor of Petaluma, along with the members of the Petaluma City Council, do hereby proclaim the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022 as

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and extend our congratulations, endless gratitude, and appreciation for her faithful and distinguished service to City Council and the community of the City of Petaluma.

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*Dennis Pocekay, Vice Mayor*

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*Kendall Sawyer, City Clerk*