

Proclamation

*In Recognition of Councilmember Kevin McDonnell
January 7, 2019 to January 2023*

WHEREAS, let it be known Councilmember Kevin McDonnell, has faithfully, energetically, and thoughtfully served the residents of the City of Petaluma for the past four years on the Petaluma City Council, served as Vice Mayor in 2019, served on the Planning Commission, Health Action Council, North Bay Watershed Association, North Bay Water Reuse Authority, Sonoma County Transportation Agency and Regional Climate Protection Agency, and will continue to fervently serve our community in his new role as Mayor of Petaluma; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember McDonnell is a dedicated community leader on all issues and is a relentless proponent for creating affordable housing, combatting homelessness by providing mental health services and meaningful housing options efforts in our community and has advocated for progress in these areas both during his tenure on the County's Continuum of Care and as a member of the Measure O Oversight Committee; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining the Council, Kevin was earnest and committed in his role on the Recreation, Music, and Parks Commission, and used every opportunity he could to draw attention to the benefits of investing in local parks and helped to secure many needed recreation improvements and eventually secured the broad support of the community with Sonoma County's Measure M; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember McDonnell played a leading role in rallying the various youth leagues and unifying community stakeholders around a shared vision for a community sports complex, the Petaluma Community Sports Fields, that will rival among the best in the County for year-round athletics; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember McDonnell's creativity and expertise is a valuable asset on the Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee as is his advocacy for Safe Streets and skill at listening to the ideas and desires of the community and bringing those ideas to fruition to make Petaluma a safe, multi-modal city; and

WHEREAS Councilmember McDonnell went above and beyond to ensure that the City was fiscally and organizationally sustainable for generations of Petalumans to come, by leading efforts to secure the City's first new revenue source, Measure U, which has leveraged nearly \$50 million in grant funding and is rebuilding a City that works for everyone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Teresa Barrett, Mayor of Petaluma, along with the members of the Petaluma City Council, do hereby proclaim the 19th day of December, 2022 as

KEVIN MCDONNELL DAY

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

Teresa Barrett, Mayor

Kendall Sawyer, City Clerk