

# Proclamation

## DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2023 AS ARTS, CULTURE, AND CREATIVITY MONTH IN THE CITY OF LAKEPORT

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lakeport celebrates the role that the arts and creativity play in helping us navigate the pandemic, amplify the need for racial equity, and highlight the power of the arts to change our lives for the better; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lake County Arts Council, Lake County Rural Arts Initiative, and Middletown Art Center work in partnership to support the arts and creativity in Lakeport as an essential part of our thriving community through services including the Main Street Gallery and Soper Reese Theater, arts in public places, financial and professional support of arts education and cultural events; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lakeport works in partnership with local organizations to support the arts and creativity as an essential part of our thriving community through services including collaborations with:

1. Mendocino College and the Lake County Theatre Company to present free performances of Shakespeare at the Lake in Library Park during the summer visitor season; and
2. The Lake County Arts Council (LCAC), Lake Family Resource Center, Lakeport Main Street Association, Lake County Rural Arts Initiative, and generous sponsors to create an Essential Worker Appreciation Mural, by muralist Emma Wakefield, which is now added to the trail of outdoor murals gracing buildings in Lakeport;
3. Lake County Tribal Health, Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians, Lake County Arts Council and Middletown Art Center have encouraged and discussed artists' submissions for Art in the new Lakeside Park; and

**WHEREAS**, Arts, Culture and Creativity Month of April is the fifth annual statewide awareness and advocacy event that recognizes the crucial role of arts, culture, and creativity in the lives of everyone in California; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lakeport recognizes that the arts and creativity support student success and life-long learning, provide key job skills, and bring joy to our community while strengthening our connections; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lakeport values partnering with Lake County Arts Council, Lake County Rural Arts Initiative, and Middletown Art Center, and state-levels organizations to promote unified support for the arts; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that the City Council of the City of Lakeport does hereby designate April 2023 as

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in the City of Lakeport and encourages everyone to celebrate the power of the arts in our community.

I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Lakeport to be affixed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

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STACEY MATTINA, Mayor