

Proclamation

RECOGNIZING MENDOCINO COLLEGE ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, Mendocino College was formed in September 1972 by a vote of the citizens of Anderson Valley, Laytonville, Potter Valley, Round Valley, Ukiah, and Willits Unified School Districts with classes first held at Oak Manor Elementary School in Ukiah; and

WHEREAS, Mendocino College is one of two public institutions of higher education in Lake County; and

WHEREAS, Mendocino College began offering classes in September 1973 at the Redwood Empire Fairgrounds with over 1,000 students enrolled; and

WHEREAS, the District expanded to include the Lake County Districts of Upper Lake, Kelseyville, and Lakeport by a vote of the citizens on November 5, 1974; and

WHEREAS, in 1984 the Mendocino College Foundation was established to assist students with scholarships and book vouchers; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 Measure W Bond funds supported the construction of the new Lake and North County Centers, numerous campus upgrades, and a new Library and Learning Resource Center providing exceptional facilities and enhanced educational opportunities for the residents of our region; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Mendocino College completed construction and opened its Lake Center in Lakeport; and

WHEREAS, Mendocino College began offering 31 degrees and certificates in 1973, which has grown to 100 degrees and certificates across 36 disciplines; and

WHEREAS, Mendocino College has awarded nearly 15,000 students with degrees and certificates in its 50-year history and supported 343,354 students on their academic journey; and

WHEREAS, Mendocino College partners with a dynamic community of diverse students to help them achieve their educational goals; and

WHEREAS, Mendocino College embraces its role as an intellectual, economic, and cultural anchor for the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the City Council of the City of Lakeport does hereby congratulate

Mendocino College

On its 50th year anniversary.

I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Lakeport to be affixed this 16th day of May, 2023.

STACEY MATTINA, Mayor