



California Tourism Month May 2023

WHEREAS, Tourism plays a critical role in Lake County and the state's economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS, A robust travel industry provides significant economic benefits for the entire state, generating more than \$134.7 billion dollars in visitor spending in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Travel has been the foundation of a healthy workforce, serving as one of the largest private-sector employers in California, supporting 1.1 million jobs in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Spending by travelers benefits state and local governments alike, generating \$11.9 billion dollars in tax revenue in 2022 to support essential public services and programs that benefit all Californians; and

WHEREAS, In Lake County, Tourism generated \$175.8 million in visitor spending, \$13.1 million in state and local tax revenue and 1,800 jobs in 2022; and

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic devastated every sector of the travel industry with staggering economic impacts, affecting every community in California, including Lake County; and

WHEREAS, California's tourism industry's resilience has brought the economic impact of travel more than 90 percent back to pre-pandemic levels in 2022; and

WHEREAS, The rebound of travel will continue to drive the rebuilding of California's economy and workforce; and

WHEREAS, The California Legislature in 2016 declared every May as California Tourism Month to celebrate the positive economic impact of the tourism in California; and

WHEREAS, Californians can help put their fellow Californians back to work and support the recovery of local businesses by traveling in California; now,

Therefore, the City Council of the City of Clearlake does hereby proclaim May 2023 as Tourism Month in Clearlake, and urges the residents of Clearlake to join us in recognizing the critical role this industry plays in Clearlake.

Dated this 18th day of May, 2023

Russell Perdock, Mayor