

Proclamation of the Mayor of the City of Folsom Celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Sister City Relationship with Pieve del Grappa, Italy

WHEREAS, the City of Folsom has proudly shared a Sister City relationship with Pieve del Grappa, Italy—originally established with Crespano del Grappa in the year 2000—for 25 years, fostering international friendship, mutual respect, and cultural exchange; and

WHEREAS, this enduring bond honors Folsom’s rich Italian heritage, exemplified by the life and legacy of Giuseppe “Joe” Murer, a native of Crespano del Grappa who immigrated to Folsom in the early 20th century and became a prominent businessman, builder, and civic leader; and

WHEREAS, Joe Murer’s contributions to our city are commemorated through the historic Murer House and Gardens, a beloved cultural landmark that stands today as a testament to the deep ties between Folsom and his Italian homeland; and

WHEREAS, the Sister City relationship was formally strengthened in August 1999, when the mayor and delegation from Crespano del Grappa visited Folsom, leading to an official partnership rooted in friendship and shared values; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Crespano del Grappa and Paderno del Grappa merged to form the municipality of Pieve del Grappa, continuing the spirit of cooperation and unity that underpins our international connection; and

WHEREAS, this partnership is part of the broader Sister Cities International program, founded in 1956 by President Dwight Eisenhower to build peace and understanding through citizen diplomacy and global collaboration; and

WHEREAS, the 25th anniversary of this special relationship is an opportunity for all Folsom residents to reflect on our shared history, celebrate our Italian roots, and participate in a variety of community events that highlight the culture, traditions, and friendship between our two cities:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, I Sarah Aquino, Mayor of the City of Folsom, on behalf of the City Council and the residents of Folsom, do hereby proclaim 2025 as a time of celebration of the friendship with Pieve del Grappa and encourage all residents to join in commemorating the 25th anniversary of our Sister City partnership through celebration, education, and cultural appreciation.

PROCLAIMED this 23rd day of September 2025.

Sarah Aquino, MAYOR