



PROCLAMATION

Recognizing the Centennial Celebration of the Rotary Club of Grass Valley

WHEREAS, the City of Grass Valley takes great pride in recognizing the Rotary Club of Grass Valley, California, for one hundred years of dedicated service to the community, exemplifying the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self"; and

WHEREAS, in 1925, twenty-five local business and professional leaders, inspired by Rotary International's commitment to public service, ethical business practices, and fellowship, established the Rotary Club of Grass Valley at the Bret Harte Inn with a mission to improve the community; and

WHEREAS, from its inception, the Rotary Club of Grass Valley has played a vital role in addressing local needs, supporting civic initiatives, and fostering collaboration with the City of Grass Valley to implement service projects that have benefited countless citizens; and

WHEREAS, the club's early projects included funding medical care for children in need, supporting local businesses and miners, and contributing to various charitable causes such as The Salvation Army, the Red Cross, and the Boy Scouts; and

WHEREAS, during the Great Depression and World War II, the Rotary Club of Grass Valley remained steadfast in its mission, supporting struggling families, organizing blood drives, collecting scrap metal, and aiding military families while continuing to advance community initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the club has been instrumental in the establishment of the Northstar Mine Museum and Pelton Wheel Exhibit, the Condon Park Disc Golf Course, the 1995 Memorial Park Pool refurbishment, Sierra College Soccer Fields, and other community improvements that serve residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Grass Valley has expanded its commitment to global service through participation in Rotary International initiatives, including polio eradication, disaster relief efforts, and international healthcare support, reinforcing its dedication to humanitarian service beyond the local community; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, the club has embraced modern initiatives, including environmental sustainability projects, student mentorship programs, and digital outreach efforts, ensuring its mission remains relevant and impactful in an evolving world; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Grass Valley continues to host annual fundraising events, generating essential funds to support its wide array of charitable programs and community service projects; and

WHEREAS, for one hundred years, the Rotary Club of Grass Valley has demonstrated the power of collective action, community spirit, and service to others, making a lasting positive impact on the City of Grass Valley, its citizens, and beyond;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of Grass Valley does hereby recognize and commends the Rotary Club of Grass Valley on the occasion of its 100th Anniversary and express our heartfelt appreciation for a century of exemplary service, dedication, and unwavering commitment to the betterment of our community.

Dated this 25th day of March 2025.

Hilary Hodge, Mayor

Haven Caravelli, Vice Mayor

Jan Arbuckle, Council Member

Joseph Bonomolo, Council Member

Thomas Ivy, Council Member