



PROCLAMATION

Local and Community History Month
May 2026

WHEREAS, the land now known as Grass Valley is part of the ancestral and traditional homelands of Indigenous peoples whose history, culture, and stewardship long predate the Gold Rush era and continue to shape our community, and Grass Valley’s history has been further defined by the diverse people, cultures, and events that have contributed to its development from the Gold Rush era to the present day; and

WHEREAS, preserving and sharing our local history fosters community pride, strengthens civic engagement, and provides valuable insight into the people and places that define Grass Valley and the greater Nevada County region; and

WHEREAS, local historical resources—including historic homes, downtown buildings, archives, artifacts, and oral histories—serve as important educational tools for residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, organizations such as the Nevada County Historical Society, local historians, and community members play a vital role in documenting, preserving, and celebrating our shared heritage; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grass Valley is committed to promoting opportunities for the public to explore and engage with local history through programs such as the guided and self-guided walking tours, historical exhibits, and community storytelling; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Local and Community History Month encourages residents of all ages to learn about, appreciate, and contribute to the ongoing story of our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, that the City Council of the City of Grass Valley hereby declares the month of May as Local and Community History Month in the City of Grass Valley, and encourages all residents, businesses, and visitors to explore, celebrate, and preserve the rich history of our community.

Dated this 12th day of May 2026

Hilary Hodge, Mayor

Haven Caravelli, Vice Mayor

Jan Arbuckle, Council Member

Joseph Bonomolo, Council Member

Thomas Ivy, Council Member