

PROCLAMATION

In Remembrance of Warren Nelson, Former Yountville Mayor

WHEREAS, Warren K. Nelson demonstrated his commitment to the Town of Yountville through his leadership as a Council member from 1980-84 and as Mayor of Yountville from 1984-86; and

WHEREAS, Nelson received a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Master of Arts degree in geography, specializing in community planning, from California State University, Chico, and worked professionally as a financial advisor. He served his country in the U.S. Navy, during which time he developed an interest in world history; and

WHEREAS, Nelson helped develop public facilities and policies focused on serving Yountville residents and preserving the Town's character and charm. He was instrumental in the construction of two public parks, including Yountville Veterans Memorial Park, of which he was particularly proud. Nelson also helped create the mobile home zoning district to support affordable housing for seniors in retirement; and

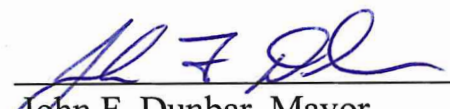
WHEREAS, Nelson supported the Town's long-term financial stability by advocating for an increase in Yountville's Transient Occupancy Tax when the first hotels were being developed in town, allowing Yountville to grow from one of the poorest towns in California into a tourism-focused destination that has generated significant revenues beneficial to local residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, respected for his generous heart and commitment to serving others, Nelson founded the Families Together organization which, for over 12 years, served Napa County families with limited incomes by offering free excursions to concerts, professional baseball games, museums, zoos and other family-oriented destinations; and

WHEREAS, Nelson and his wife, Maritza, enjoyed living in New Zealand part of every year for the past two decades. His passions included playing golf and classical music, and they were devoted patrons of Napa Valley's Music in the Vineyards.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, John F. Dunbar, Mayor of the Town of Yountville, remember Warren Nelson following his recent passing and recognize him for his contributions and dedication to the Yountville community and his years of public service on the Yountville Town Council.




John F. Dunbar, Mayor