



*Town of Yountville*  
"The Heart of the Napa Valley"

# PROCLAMATION

## In Recognition of the Law Enforcement Career and Retirement of Napa County Sheriff John Robertson

**WHEREAS**, John Robertson started his law enforcement career in 1981 in the San Mateo Police Department, where he served for 10 years. During that time, he trained in specialized fields including Hazardous Materials, Explosives and Incident Management;

**WHEREAS**, John joined the Napa County Sheriff's Office in 1991 and served three years in Yountville, including responding to the dramatic propane explosions that occurred in September of 1993. He was appointed Napa County Sheriff on April 6, 2012. Career accomplishments include teaching at the Police Academy and Criminal Justice Training Center, helping create a Napa County Hazardous Devices Team that is part of a Bay Area regional response network, and establishing a "Fixed-Cost Contract" model for municipal service agreements. He expanded Incident Command System training and employee physical and mental wellness programs. As Sheriff-Coroner, he led more than 140 sworn deputies and support staff;

**WHEREAS**, Sheriff Robertson earned a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from San Diego State University and is a graduate of the Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Academy, Leadership Napa Valley and the Senior Management Institute for Police in Boston, Massachusetts. He is a member of the California State Sheriff's Association, California Peace Officers Association, and the Police Executive Research Forum;

**WHEREAS**, Sheriff Robertson is known for his calm, respectful demeanor, humble leadership and emphasis on community policing. Examples of his innovative style include Yountville's bicycle patrol; deployment of the European "Hi-Lo" emergency siren for use during evacuations, and an "Evacuation Tag" program for residents to alert first responders in case of emergency evacuations;

**WHEREAS**, John is an avid cyclist and active member of the Napa Valley community, having supported numerous local and national non-profit organizations and fundraisers over the years;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, John F. Dunbar, Mayor of the Town of Yountville, represent our entire community to honor the 40-year law enforcement career of Napa County Sheriff John Robertson. We express our deepest gratitude and highest respect for your distinguished service. We thank you for your leadership, your friendship and for helping protect and serve the residents, business owners and visitors in Yountville and Napa County. We wish you the best in your retirement.

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John F. Dunbar, Mayor

Dated: June 15, 2021