



# PROCLAMATION

## Celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Incorporation

**WHEREAS**, Thurman and Ella Gates, along with other residents Lomita Miller and Bud and Barbara Dulinsky, formed the Yountville Improvement Club around 1960 and began conducting the necessary work to incorporate the community.

**WHEREAS**, in January of 1964, the Yountville Improvement Club hired an attorney, Charles J. Williams, to help with the legal technicalities of incorporation.

**WHEREAS**, the Yountville Improvement Club met in various locations in Yountville, holding many meetings and fundraisers to help navigate the town through California's incorporation process.

**WHEREAS**, residents were divided on whether or not to support the incorporation of Yountville. On January 26, 1965, there was an election to determine if the residents wanted to incorporate and elect councilmen.

**WHEREAS**, due to the fear of over-regulation, the first vote for incorporation failed.

**WHEREAS**, prior to the second vote for incorporation, attorney Charles J. Williams advised that Yountville boundaries be amended to include the Veteran's Home to increase the population and make Yountville eligible to receive grant dollars.

**WHEREAS**, including the 2,000 residents at the Veteran's Home increased the population to approximately 2,600.

**WHEREAS**, to raise funds, the Yountville Improvement Club hosted a St. Patrick's Day dance at the Rutherford Grange Hall, held a three-day rummage sale at the Yountville Trading post and hosted a street dance and steak BBQ at the Yountville Community Park.

**WHEREAS**, the second vote for incorporation passed by eighteen votes.

**WHEREAS**, when the City of Yountville was incorporated in 1965, it became the fourth incorporated community in Napa County.

**WHEREAS**, in 1982, the municipality changed its name to the Town of Yountville, which continues to thrive as a small but vibrant community known as the heart of the Napa Valley.

**NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED**, that I, Margie Mohler, Mayor of the Town of Yountville, along with the Town Council, does hereby proclaim February 4, 2025, as the Diamond Jubilee in Napa County and encourage all residents of Yountville to celebrate Town pride during this month and throughout the year.

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Margie Mohler, Mayor

Dated: February 4, 2024