

DECLARATION

NORTH SONOMA VALLEY MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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WHEREAS: The community of Glen Ellen (Glen Ellen) traces our formal origin to the establishment of the Glen Ellen Post Office on June 20, 1872;

WHEREAS: This year marks the 150th anniversary of that event representing our official community founding, with said establishment by the United States postal service;

WHEREAS: The boundaries of Glen Ellen are considered poorly defined, especially by those outside our community;

WHEREAS: Residents of the Glen Ellen zip code (95442), the former Sonoma Developmental Center (zip code 95431); and the Rancho Madrone neighborhood (a portion of zip code 95476 within the Advisory Council's boundary) overwhelmingly consider themselves to be citizens of Glen Ellen ("citizens");

WHEREAS: Census designations, online maps and other sources created for limited purposes without consulting local knowledge or considering citizens' affinities and identification with "Glen Ellen," have caused the area to be falsely characterized as consisting of two or more separate communities;

WHEREAS: This misrepresentation distorts perceptions of Glen Ellen both within and beyond the community, challenging citizens' solidarity and damaging citizens' ability to faithfully represent our common interests to the greater world in the face of current and future challenges;

WHEREAS: Notwithstanding occasional differences of opinion, citizens of Glen Ellen agree that we share a common geography, history, and sense of identity, and recognize ourselves as a single, undivided community with many shared interests;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The North Sonoma Valley Municipal Advisory Council, in its role as the "voice of Glen Ellen" within Sonoma County government, declares the boundaries of the Glen Ellen community to be as follows:

The entire area encompassing the Glen Ellen zip code (95442), the entire area encompassing the former Sonoma Developmental Center (zip code 95431); and the area commonly known as the Rancho Madrone neighborhood (the portion of zip code 95476 within the Advisory Council's boundary);

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: The North Sonoma Valley Municipal Advisory Council requests, in the strongest possible terms, that all government

agencies, including but not limited to the County of Sonoma, their employees, agents, and representatives, refer to "Glen Ellen" as a single contiguous community, as defined above and shown on the attached map, and consider it such for planning and other purposes.

