



Proclamation

of the City Council

John Buckland
City Council 2010 - 2018
Mayor 2012-2013 & 2015-2016

WHEREAS, John Buckland retired in 2010 from the Yuba City Police Department after 31 years and immediately was elected to the City Council where he further dedicated himself to the community honorably and with great distinction. John served as a Yuba City Councilmember from 2010 through 2018, and served as Mayor twice; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the City and nation were still feeling the effects of the Great Recession, with significant decreases in sales tax, property tax, and development revenue. City Council directed staff to allocate anticipated reserves necessary to fund the City's structural budget deficit for the next three years and funded the Economic Stabilization Fund; and

WHEREAS, through the City Council's fiscal leadership and positive guidance, along with concessions by City employees, Yuba City was able to withstand the Great Recession while upholding fiscal stability, maintenance of critical services and public facilities through some very challenging financial times; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Yuba City priorities are: Public Safety, Developing Our Economy, Maintaining and Improving Our Infrastructure, Developing Our Organization, Preparing for Growth, and Enhancing Our Image and Reputation. John's highest priorities have been Public Safety and Infrastructure. John ensured a strong and well-staffed Fire Department by approving two rounds of SAFER Grants for a total of \$3,109,934 that allowed Yuba City to hire 18 limited-term fire fighters; putting policies in place to promote the hiring and retaining a fully staffed police force by offering incentives and sponsoring cadets through the Police Academy; approved the expansion of the Police Department Facility; purchased new fire vehicles and fire safety equipment; as a long-time member of the Board of Directors of the Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency, John has worked to ensure that our levees are safe and secure; authorized the Bridge Street Construction Project between Cooper Avenue and Plumas Street, one of the oldest roadways in the City, being originally constructed of concrete more than 70 years ago. The finished project is beautiful and a great asset to the City; and

WHEREAS, John represented the City of Yuba City on the Sacramento Area Council of Governments for the last eight years. Through his leadership and advocacy, the City was able to secure the \$71,000,000 in grant funding for the 5th Street Bridge Construction Project; and

WHEREAS, as a Councilmember, John received many complaints about not enough to do in Yuba City, he "put his money where his mouth is" by investing in the community by opening the Millennium Cart Racing event center thereby providing additional recreation and social amenities within the City.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Preet Didbal, Mayor of the City of Yuba City, do hereby commend the Honorable Mr. John Buckland for his commitment and outstanding performance as a Councilmember and Mayor of the City of Yuba City. I hereby urge all residents to join us in recognizing John for his countless contributions to our community and wish him all the best in the future.

Done on the 4th day of December 2018, City of Yuba City, County of Sutter, and State of California.