



Proclamation

of the City Council

Soroptimist International of Marysville-Yuba City 90th Anniversary 1929 – 2019

WHEREAS, *Since the founding of the very first Soroptimist club in Oakland, California in 1921, Soroptimist International has sought to bring about change to the lives of women and girls worldwide, Soroptimist is driven by its mission of transforming lives through education, empowerment and by enabling opportunities; and*

WHEREAS, *While it's true that both men and women live in poverty, face discrimination and must overcome obstacles, throughout history—in every country in the world—women and girls face additional obstacles and discrimination solely because of their gender; and*

WHEREAS, *Soroptimist International is now a global volunteer movement working together to transform the lives of women and girls. There are four Soroptimist Federations under the umbrella of Soroptimist International; Soroptimist International of the Americas, Soroptimist International of Europe, Soroptimist International of Great Britain & Ireland and Soroptimist International of the South West Pacific. A network of around 75,000 club members in 130 countries and territories work at a local, national and international level to educate, empower and enable opportunities for women and girls; and*

WHEREAS, *Soroptimist International of Marysville-Yuba City is celebrating 90 years of service to the Yuba-Sutter community and is one of the oldest clubs in the world; and*

WHEREAS, *Notable community projects over the years include, but are certainly not limited to: 1947 providing food for the children's ward of London Hospital, England; 1956 set up a Flood Disaster Program after the 1955 Christmas Flood; 1968 planted 50 Cherry trees and 20 Japanese Maple Trees around Ellis Lake to replace trees given by the Japanese-American Citizen League that were uprooted by vandals during WWII; 1982 began long-term service project upgrading and remodeling Casa Esperanza; 1995 contributed \$10,000 to the "SART" Sexual Assault Responses Team at Ride-out Hospital; 2006 began the "Girls on the Run" program to teach self-esteem and life skills to girls aged 8-11; in 2015, worked with the Salvation Army Depot to provide \$24,000 to renovate the women's bathroom; supported human trafficking awareness through-out the region; participated in the "Dress a Girl Around the World" program, because a girl wearing a new dress presents an appearance that she is well cared for and may discourage would-be predators; and thousands of dollars awarded to women in our local community to help them reach their educational goals which helps their families escape from poverty.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that I, Shon Harris, Mayor of the City of Yuba City and on behalf of the entire City Council, congratulate the members of Soroptimist International of Marysville-Yuba City on their 90th anniversary of service to our community.*

Done this 3rd day of September 2019, at the City of Yuba City, County of Sutter, State of California.