



# *Proclamation*

of the City Council

## **Soroptimist International 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1921 - 2021**

**WHEREAS**, in October 1921, the very first Soroptimist club was formed in California with over 80 business and professional women from in and around the city of Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, since the founding of the first Soroptimist club in 1921, Soroptimists have sought to bring about change to the lives of women and girls worldwide. Through its global network of five Federations and over 80,000 dedicated volunteers in 3,000 clubs throughout 120 countries, Soroptimists are driven by the mission of transforming lives through education, empowerment and enabling opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, our region has long benefited from our local Soroptimist International clubs: SI Marysville-Yuba City chartered in **1929**, and SI Sutter Yuba chartered in 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the 100-year anniversary theme, “Bright Past, Brilliant Future” is meant to capture the respect for and memory of incredible women who had the foresight and courage to become Soroptimists and pursue the best for women and girls, and those who carry on the tradition today; and

**WHEREAS**, the very first Soroptimist project was to ‘Save the Redwoods’—to stop the great ancient trees from being felled. The club lobbied the State legislature, taking on powerful lumber companies, and winning public support, which resulted in a major portion of the forest set aside as protected land that still exists today; and

**WHEREAS**, local philanthropists John and Maggie Nicoletti have generously donated a Redwood tree to Soroptimist International of Marysville-Yuba City, in honor of the first Soroptimist Project 100 years ago. The members of the Soroptimist Club would like to plant the tree in Yuba City with the assistance of the Yuba City Parks Division; and

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting to kick-off the planting of the tree for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Soroptimist International in March 2021 during Women’s History Month.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Marc Boomgaarden, Mayor of the City of Yuba City and on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby congratulate the Soroptimist International Organization on their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and sincerely urge all residents of the City of Yuba City to join with me in recognizing this centennial event for all the contributions they have made in our community.

Done this 2<sup>ND</sup> day of March, 2021, at the City of Yuba City, County of Sutter, State of California.