



Proclamation

of the City Council

SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF MARYSVILLE-YUBA CITY 1929 - 2014

WHEREAS, *Soroptimist International of Marysville-Yuba City is celebrating 85 years of service to the Yuba-Sutter community; and*

WHEREAS, *Soroptimist was formed in 1921 in Oakland California because women who were interested in volunteering in their communities were not permitted to join male service organizations, and 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. A network of around 80,000 club members in 130 countries and territories works at a local, national and international level to educate, empower and enable opportunities for women and girls; and*

WHEREAS, *Soroptimist members serve our local community through numerous community projects and scholarships, as well as being part of international service projects; and*

WHEREAS, *Notable community projects include: 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; and 2006 began the "Girls on the Run" program to teach self-esteem and life skills to girls aged 8-11.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, *that I, Kash Gill, 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 85th anniversary of service to our community.*

Done this 7th day of October 2014, at the City of Yuba City, County of Sutter, State of California.

Kash Gill, Mayor