



CITY OF NOVATO  
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## *Proclamation*

# NORTH MARIN COMMUNITY SERVICES 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

**WHEREAS**, the Novato Youth Center and Novato Human Needs Centers opened their doors as grassroots nonprofits led by caring community members circa 1972; and

**WHEREAS**, over the next fifty years, founders, board members, staff and volunteers helped launch over 25+ programs that supported the success of 200,000+ youth, families and adults; and

**WHEREAS**, in January 2018 these nonprofits merged and renamed to North Marin Community Services to envision a strong community with opportunities for all; and

**WHEREAS**, in March 2020 the organization stepped forward as the anchor human service organization serving North Marin to support people in need during the COVID-19 pandemic and in January 2022, the organization received the CVNL's Heart of Marin Achievement in Nonprofit Excellence for their role during the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the organization's team of 378 (63 staff and 315 volunteers) provided services to 11,000+ people in need. This includes longtime dedicated staff members Ana Rivera (41 years) and Anne Varner (37 years); and

**WHEREAS**, the organization has embraced diversity, equity and inclusion in fulfilling all aspects of their mission, including advocating for policies and services that benefit underserved communities; and

**WHEREAS**, community leaders and supporters will come together in April 2022 to celebrate their 50 years of service, with appreciation to lead sponsor Marin Community Foundation, benefactor sponsors Sutter Health, W.Bradley Electric, and other generous supporters and supporters.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Novato, on behalf of the residents of Novato, hereby commends **North Marin Community Services** for its extraordinary contributions to the community, and looks forward to many more years of continued service and success.

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Eric Lucan  
Mayor