

## HONORARY PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING APRIL 30, 2022 AS THE 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 9066

WHEREAS, On February 19, 1942, President Franklin Roosevelt issued Executive Order 9066, which authorized the evacuation of all persons deemed a threat to national security from the West Coast to relocation centers further inland; and

**WHEREAS,** April 30, 2022, marks the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the enforcement of Executive Order 9066 in Arroyo Grande; and

**WHEREAS**, two hundred eleven Arroyo Grande Japanese-American residents were taken by bus to the Tulare Assembly Center where they were confined in isolated, fenced, and guarded relocation centers known as internment camps; and

WHEREAS, at the end of World War II, half of Arroyo Grande's pre-war Japanese-American population returned to resume farming, open businesses, support local youth, and belong to, and lead, community organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes and commends the unbreakable spirit and contributions of Japanese-American citizens to Arroyo Grande and society as a whole.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that I, Caren Ray Russom, Mayor of the City of Arroyo Grande, do hereby proclaim and recognize April 30, 2022 as the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Executive Order 9066 in the City of Arroyo Grande.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Arroyo Grande to be affixed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

CAREN RAY RUSSOM, MAYOR