

Proclamation

Honoring Laurie Moore and the Lazzarini Family for Stewardship of Coast Cinemas



WHEREAS, Laurie Moore and the Lazzarini family have owned and operated Coast Cinemas for nearly 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Coast Cinemas has provided a community gathering space for mainstream, classic, and art house films; and

WHEREAS, Tom Lazzarini's connection to the movie theater business dates back to the family theater in Santa Rosa, which his grandfather owned during the days of the first "talkies," and extends to Laurie, who came up in 1981 to take over the business, and grew up selling tickets and refreshments in family-run theaters; and

WHEREAS, Coast Cinemas was a one-screen theater when it was sold to the Lazzarini family, and now houses four screens, comfortable seats, delicious popcorn; and

WHEREAS, the Lazzarinis in 2010, began teaming up with the Mendocino Film Festival as an additional MFF venue, to bring a more diverse selection of films to the community; and

WHEREAS, Coast Cinemas has survived the Covid pandemic and streaming services to remain a vital part of the Fort Bragg cultural scene -- a "celluloid escape" for local and visiting movie watchers of all ages; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jason Godeke, Mayor of the City of Fort Bragg, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby recognize and express gratitude for the extraordinary contributions to our town made by Laurie Moore and the Lazzarini Family, as well as their many former and current employees, most importantly their long-time Manager Adrian Janousek.

SIGNED this 14th day of July, 2025

JASON GODEKE, Mayor

ATTEST:

Diana Paoli, City Clerk
No. 16-2025