



PROCLAMATION

IN RECOGNITION OF

The 50th Anniversary of the Benicia Refinery Operating in the City of Benicia

WHEREAS, in 1965, representatives from the City of Benicia convinced M.A. Wright, Chairman of the Board for Humble Oil & Refining Company, to build their California refinery in the City of Benicia, instead of on land located in Moss Landing, Monterey County; and

WHEREAS, in 1968, the Refinery paid construction costs for a 36-inch pipeline from a pumping plant station in Cordelia to Benicia. This pipeline project provided stable and reliable water for Benicia residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, on October 3, 1969, the Benicia Refinery was dedicated by the Honorable Ronald Reagan, Governor, State of California and M.A. Wright, Chairman of the Board for Humble Oil & Refining Company. The dedication highlighted the economic and industrial strength of refining in the state of California and continued the prosperity for the Benicia community; and

WHEREAS, in 1973, the ownership of the refinery transferred from Humble Oil & Refining Company to ExxonMobil; and

WHEREAS, in the year 2000, the Valero Energy Corporation acquired the refinery from ExxonMobil; and

WHEREAS, in the almost 20 years that has followed, the Valero Benicia Refinery has established a foundation of environmental responsibility, safety, and community service, while manufacturing transportation fuels and other products indispensable to everyday life; and

WHEREAS, the Valero Benicia Refinery has invested more than \$1.6 billion in infrastructure upgrades as a demonstration of its commitment to the environment and safety in and around the community; and

WHEREAS, the Valero Benicia Refinery received the California/OSHA Voluntary Protection Program Star Site designation – OSHA's highest safety certification for exceptional safety practices and procedures in the workplace; and



WHEREAS, the Valero Benicia Refinery and its employees are vital members of the Benicia and Solano County community, contributing more than 2,000 volunteer hours each year to local non-profit organizations and the Benicia Unified School District; and

WHEREAS, the Valero Benicia Refinery has donated more than \$16 million to local charities between 2004-2019, funding programs for the economically disadvantaged, science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) programs, environmental stewardship programs, and more; and

WHEREAS, today, the Valero Benicia Refinery employs more than 450 men and women, many of whom live in the City of Benicia, and creates and supports more than 3,900 additional jobs through its suppliers and partners in the City of Benicia and the greater Bay Area.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Elizabeth Patterson, Mayor of the City of Benicia, and on behalf of the City Council of the City of Benicia, recognize the positive impact the Benicia Refinery, now known as the Valero Benicia Refinery, has had on the City of Benicia, and join with them as they celebrate their 50th anniversary.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth Patterson", is written over a horizontal line.

Elizabeth Patterson, Mayor
October 15, 2019