



# Proclamation

The City of Clayton  
State of California

**WHEREAS**, 2024 marks the 60th anniversary of the Incorporation of City of Clayton, which was founded by Joel Clayton in 1857; and

**WHEREAS**, Clayton has over 27 miles of trails and over 500 acres of open space connecting with Mt. Diablo State Park and Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve, both of which are part of the California Coast to Crest Trail and American Discovery Trail, has repeatedly been named one of the country's "Best Places to Live," and is also one of the safest cities in California; and

**WHEREAS**, in the 1960s, Nan Wallace, Eldora & Bob Hoyer (Clayton's first Mayor), lead incorporation efforts and along with Clayton citizens fought to retain the town's historic identity and rural atmosphere through local control of land use, planning, and zoning, by seeking to incorporate as a city; and

**WHEREAS**, Clayton citizens spent copious hours circulating petitions, planning, holding informational meetings, phoning, and walking house-to-house to collect contributions for election expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, an incorporation election was held on March 3, 1964, during which, ninety-one percent of the population of Clayton voted and incorporation won with eighty percent of the vote; and

**WHEREAS**, sixty years ago, Clayton's first official City Council meeting was held on March 18, 1964, becoming the thirteenth city in Contra Costa County; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 18, 2014, then Mayor Hank Stratford and the City Council proclaimed March 18<sup>th</sup> to be the official birthday of the City of Clayton; and

**WHEREAS**, special activities have been planned to celebrate the occasion of this anniversary; and

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting that we should join in the expression of our pride and appreciation for the many civic and economic benefits that our community has enjoyed over the past 60 years because of the growth and prosperity of our city; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jim Diaz, Mayor of the City of Clayton, and the City Council do hereby proclaim the year 2024, as:

**"CITY OF CLAYTON'S INCORPORATION DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY YEAR –  
CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF COMMUNITY"**

in the City of Clayton and urge all citizens to join us in celebrating the City of Clayton.

**PROCLAIMED** this 5th day of March 2024.

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Mayor

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Date