PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, agriculture has been a cornerstone of Brentwood's heritage since the late 19th century, with the city historically renowned throughout the Bay Area for its cherries, corn, and peaches; and

WHEREAS, Brentwood's commitment to agriculture remains steadfast, attracting over 150,000 visitors annually who engage in agritourism activities such as fruit picking, thereby bolstering the local economy; and

WHEREAS, California leads the nation in agricultural production, with organic product sales increasing by 18.2% from \$9.4 billion in 2018 to \$11.1 billion in 2022, reflecting the state's dedication to sustainable farming practices; and

WHEREAS, National Agriculture Day is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the invaluable contributions of farmers, ranchers, and agricultural workers who ensure a safe and abundant food supply, steward our lands, and support our economy; and

WHEREAS, the theme of National Agriculture Day 2025, "Together We Grow," highlights the importance of collaboration among farmers, businesses, educators, and consumers to ensure a sustainable and thriving agricultural future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the City Council of the City of Brentwood hereby recognizes March 18, 2025 as

NATIONAL AGRICULTURE DAY

and the City of Brentwood encourages all residents to acknowledge and appreciate the vital role of agriculture in our community and to participate in activities that honor our rich agricultural heritage.

Dated this 11th day of March, 2025

Susannah Meyer, Mayo