

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLACERVILLE RECOGNIZING JOHN SANDERS
FOR HIS PROFOUND AND MEANINGFUL CONTRIBUTION
TO OUR COMMUNITY**

Known for his kind heart, bright smile, crazy pants, outrageously good hamburgers and skilled catering, John Sanders of Old Town Grill is a fixture on Main Street. What people might not recognize is that John is also a quiet hero in our community.

WHEREAS: John Sanders has lived his passion for cooking for over 40 years. Working his way from dishwasher to kitchen manager at Victoria Station, to a brief stay perfecting the art of ice sculpture at the Holiday Inn, John then moved to Executive Chef at Arco Arena, and for 10 years, was solely responsible for food service for performers, athletes, box suites and Arena guests while managing over 500 food and beverage employees.

WHEREAS: One day John noticed an ad in the paper advertising the sale of Powell's Burger Company on Main Street. Already passionate about downtown Placerville, John walked the streets, talking to merchants, and he made the decision to leave Arco, and buy the business. John, his wife Debbi and daughter Genevieve relocated to Placerville with a passionate determination to be a welcoming presence on Main Street, deeply connected to the community and its people.

WHEREAS: John's unique gift is to recognize the inherent value of every person who crosses his path, no matter their station in life, no matter what challenges they may be facing. Everyone is embraced by John's gracious spirit and warm, tender heart. This translates into a unique experience at Old Town Grill and John Sander's catering. Beyond the excellent food, what is strikingly different is the level of friendly, welcoming and generous hospitality from everyone on John's staff, and the recipe is John's mentorship. With experience in managing over 500 employees, John now chooses to train a select group of individuals who have faced challenges in their life's journey, raising them up, teaching new skills and opening doors of opportunity previously unavailable to them, all the while discovering the joy of serving a community under his expert guidance.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendy Thomas, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Placerville, State of California, offer our gratitude to John Sanders for his fierce passion to our community and for using his unique gifts to bless, to serve and to change lives, one hamburger at a time.

Date: September 25, 2018

Mayor Wendy Thomas

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Placerville to be affixed this 25th day of September, 2018.

ATTEST:

Regina O'Connell, City Clerk