PROCLAMATION

In Honor of

KINETIC SCULPTURE RACING

May 23, 2026

WHEREAS, the art and sport of Kinetic Sculpture Racing, difficult to truly comprehend but easy to enjoy, is a Humboldt tradition originating in Ferndale and spreading gloriously to other parts of Planet Earth; and

WHEREAS, the Kinetic tradition has been a part of Humboldt County life since 1969, with at least one Kinetic race starting on the Arcata Plaza for the last 50 years, not counting those two years when we were thwarted by a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Glorious Founder of all Kinetic Sculpture Racing, Hobart Brown, a Ferndale artist, envisioned a three-day "Triathlon of the Art World" from Arcata through Eureka to Ferndale, over land, sand, mud and water; and coined many a phrase, such as "Adults having fun so children will want to grow older," and "If you're not living on the edge, you are taking up too much space!"; and

WHEREAS, the Kinetic Grand Championship is a tribute to the rich history of kinetic racing in Humboldt County. Kinetic Universe, the Kinetic Grand Championship's non-profit organizing body, works to promote the tradition and values of kinetic sculpture racing in Humboldt County and spread the good word that "kinetics is for everyone;" and

WHEREAS, several other cities across the world have kinetic sculpture races inspired by Humboldt County's "mother" race (un)usually held every Memorial Day weekend, recognizing that this art event involves the whole family and community while also promoting tourism, sustainability, bicycling and silliness. The race enhances our community's image both nationally and internationally; and

WHEREAS, Kinetic Sculpture Racing encourages the recycling of junk and tidying up of our environment while exploring sustainable transportation as a creative solution to greenhouse gas-emitting vehicles, thus fighting global climate change; and

WHEREAS, Kinetic Universe presents the Kinetic Grand Championship that will challenge creativity, provide opportunities for artists and artistic discovery, and lift community spirit and pride, resulting in the most glorious weekend of the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the City Council of the City of Arcata hereby congratulates Kinetic Universe on its glorious and dedicated stewardship of the uniquely Humboldtian tradition of **KINETIC SCULPTURE RACING**. The Council encourages everyone to attend the kick-off of the 2026 Kinetic Grand Championship on Saturday, May 23, 2026, on the Arcata Plaza at the sound of the noon whistle. FOR THE GLORY!

Dated: May 20, 2026

Kimberley White
Mayor