



# CITY OF SEBASTOPOL

## Proclamation

### In Recognition of Rialto Cinemas 20 Year Anniversary

WHEREAS, Ky Boyd created Rialto Cinemas in 2000 and moved to Sebastopol in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Ky Boyd has brought hundreds of excellent foreign and independent films to Sonoma County for the past twenty years; and

WHEREAS, for 20 years, Rialto Cinemas has been an important part of the cultural landscape of Sonoma County; and

WHEREAS, when Rialto Cinemas landed again in Sebastopol, the former Sebastopol Cinemas was transformed into Sonoma County's premiere movie venue featuring "Dine In Cinema" and

WHEREAS, Rialto Cinemas has proven itself to be model corporate citizen with its commitment to hosting countless fundraising events as well as donating free movie screenings to local schools; and

WHEREAS, Rialto Cinemas has been responsible for developing within the region a passion for outstanding international cinema in all languages; and

WHEREAS, Rialto Cinemas has contributed to our local economy by bringing in thousands of people to see films and attend events, including The Metropolitan Opera Live in HD and plays from the National Theatre, London; and

WHEREAS, Rialto Cinemas has helped create community by sponsoring numerous fundraising events for local non-profits including the Sonoma County Library Foundation, NorCal Public Media, Face to Face: Sonoma County AIDS Network, Community Resources for Independence, Sonoma County Museum, Council On Aging and its Senior Legal Services program, Food for Thought and many others; and

WHEREAS, Rialto Cinemas has helped many first-time filmmakers by allowing them to bring their vision to the public by giving them screenings; and

WHEREAS, Rialto Cinemas has offered for FREE: Five years of monthly Community Cinema screenings, free screenings for schools and a free screening partnership with the Sebastopol Teen Center.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, I, Patrick Slayter, Mayor, City of Sebastopol, on behalf of the entire City Council do hereby express my sincere appreciation and gratitude for Rialto Cinemas 20<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary and am delighted to be sharing this 20th anniversary with the community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and the Great Seal of the City of Sebastopol this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 2020.

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Patrick Slayter, Mayor

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