



City of Yachats

Official Proclamation

Because Joanne Kittel, a citizen of the greater Yachats area has demonstrated exceptional dedication, leadership, and commitment to the betterment of our community, it is with great honor and admiration that we hereby proclaim the following:

WHEREAS Joanne Kittel and her husband, Norman, were the first landowners in Oregon to donate property in a restrictive irrevocable conservation easement for land preservation creating a model for other landowners. As a passionate advocate for environmental sustainability, Joanne has played a pivotal role in raising awareness about the importance of preserving our natural resources.

WHEREAS Joanne Kittel has worked tirelessly with the City of Yachats and Lincoln County Commissioners to promote land conservation and trail development in the Yachats area. She has developed partnerships with the Siuslaw National Forest, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board, Lincoln Land Legacy Program, Angell Job Corp, and other conservation-focused groups. Joanne's leadership and organizational skills have been instrumental in the successful execution of numerous community projects and events.

WHEREAS Joanne Kittel has readily given of her time and talents as a member and Trails Development Leader of the Yachats Trails Committee, Co-Chair of View the Future, Member, and Vice-chair of Angell Job Corps' Community Relations Committee, and Member of Secure Resources Advisory Committee of Siuslaw National Forest.

WHEREAS Joanne Kittel has long served as an ambassador for Yachats, bringing recognition to the community for a commitment to the preservation and protection of the natural environment and honoring of local indigenous cultural history. Her ability to bring people together, foster collaboration, and drive positive change has been invaluable in strengthening the bonds within our community.

WHEREAS Joanne Kittel has earned the trust of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians. She also has achieved recognition of the Ya'Xaik people who lived in this area for thousands of years by developing the Amanda Trail, naming the Amanda Creek and Bridge, and co-authoring the book that describes the historical truths of the prison camp years in Yachats. Her commitment to revealing the historical truth of the indigenous people's experience has been instrumental in shaping our community.



NOW, THEREFORE, let it be known that Joanne Kittel is hereby recognized and celebrated for her outstanding contributions to our community. We express our deepest gratitude for her tireless efforts and unwavering commitment to making our community a better place for all.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF as Mayor of Yachats, I, Craig Bertie, hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of Yachats to be herein affixed.

Craig Bertie

Mayor, City of Yachats