WHEREAS, travel has a positive effect on California and the Nation’s economic prosperity and image abroad, and also impacts business productivity and individual travelers’ well-being; and

WHEREAS, travel to and within the United States provides significant economic benefits for the nation, generating more than $2.5 trillion in economic output in 2018, with nearly $1 trillion spent directly by travelers; and

WHEREAS, travel is a pillar of economic growth, creating jobs at a faster rate than other sectors, and the industry is among the largest private-sector employers in the U.S., supporting 15.7 million jobs in 2018, including 8.9 million directly in the travel industry and 6.8 million in other industries; and

WHEREAS, traveler spending directly generated tax revenues of $171 billion for federal, state and local governments, funds used to support essential services and programs; and

WHEREAS, leisure travel, which accounts for more than three-quarters of all trips taken in the U.S., spurs countless benefits to travelers’ health and wellness, creativity, cultural awareness, education, happiness, productivity and relationships.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Kristen Barneich, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Arroyo Grande, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim May 5-11, 2019 as National Travel and Tourism Week in Arroyo Grande, California.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Arroyo Grande to be affixed this 23rd day of April 2019.

KRISTEN BARNEICH, MAYOR PRO TEM