

**Same Old People (Board of Directors for the North Country Fair) statement
on removing the statue of McKinley from the Arcata Plaza.**

Whereas ex-President McKinley represents the racist and imperialist Manifest Destiny which ruled and still rules our government's actions around the world;

Whereas it is incumbent on the City of Arcata and its business districts to make people of color and indigenous peoples as comfortable in the community as possible;

Whereas the McKinley statue provides discomfort to people of color, indigenous peoples, and their allies because of its racist and colonial representation;

Whereas McKinley participated in the murder and subjugation of human beings from other parts of the world, including Guam, The Philippines, Hawaii, and Cuba;

Whereas the Same Old People are in solidarity with the Wiyot peoples and other tribal entities who point out that McKinley supported the Dawes Commission which dismantled the lands of many tribes, and have themselves called for the removal of the McKinley statue;

Whereas McKinley deposed its leaders and participated in the annexation of Hawaii whose aboriginal inhabitants were against said takeover;

Whereas McKinley had no local connections with Arcata or Humboldt County;

Whereas McKinley and his statue no longer represent the heart and minds of the large majority of the community;

Whereas the center of the Arcata Plaza could be put to more appropriate use to benefit local events and the community; and

Whereas the Same Old People are on record as being in favor of "Sanctuary for All," including all life on Earth;

It is resolved by unanimous consent of the Same Old People that the Arcata City Council should immediately, by Council vote, permanently remove the McKinley statue from the Arcata Plaza.

Signed,

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