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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

OF THE

Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, To Honor The National Organization For Women (NOW) Sonoma County Chapter For Its Historic Calendar Celebrating The Centennial Of The Nineteenth Amendment

Whereas, the National Organization for Women (NOW) Sonoma County chapter was founded in 1988 to take action through intersectional grassroots activism to promote feminist ideals, lead societal change, eliminate discrimination, and achieve and protect the equal rights of all women and girls in all aspects of social, political, and economic life; and

Whereas, Women's Equality Day is celebrated in the United States on August 26 to commemorate the 1920 adoption of the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, which prohibits the states and the federal government from denying the right to vote to citizens of the United States on the basis of sex. The National Organization for Women (NOW) Sonoma County chapter celebrated the centennial anniversary of the Nineteenth Amendment on August 26th, 2020; and

Whereas, the team of Elaine B. Holtz, former president of the National Organization for Women (NOW) Sonoma County chapter; Rebecca Dwan, calendar designer extraordinaire; Vesta Copestakes, former publisher of the Sonoma County Gazette; Larry Jacobs, the printer of the calendar (formerly of GW2 Printing, Inc./Melo Mail Solutions, Santa Rosa, CA now O'Dell Printing), who allowed us to "stop the presses" when we discovered an error; and researchers from the Sonoma County History and Genealogy Library, produced a commemorative calendar acknowledging local women leaders as well as feminists, past and present, upon whose shoulders we stand; and

Whereas, this calendar honors the women, both nationally and locally, who came before us and showed us by example what is possible. Honoring their accomplishment gives us confidence that we, too, can contribute and be valued; and

Whereas, the publication and distribution of such an historic document, the Centennial Calendar honors the accomplishments of these inspiring women and also serves to motivate future leaders to action going forward, with the goal of bringing women into full participation in society—sharing equal rights, responsibilities, and opportunities with men.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize the National Organization for Women (NOW) Sonoma County chapter calendar as a historic document.



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