



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: November 28, 2023

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, To Honor And Commend Sonoma State University On The Occasion Of The 40th Anniversary Of Its Holocaust And Genocide Lecture Series

WHEREAS, education about the origins, nature, and consequences of the Holocaust and genocide are of paramount public importance; and

WHEREAS, Sonoma State University has been a leader in ambitious educational programming leading to deeper understanding of citizens' responsibility in the prevention of genocide; and

WHEREAS, the cornerstone of Holocaust and Genocide Studies at SSU is the Holocaust and Genocide Lecture Series; and

WHEREAS, the Lecture Series has brought Holocaust and genocide survivors, liberators, rescuers, and leading scholars in the field to the University since 1983; and

WHEREAS, the series has included powerful and personal eyewitness accounts of Holocaust survivors, as well as survivors of the Rwandan, Cambodian, and Bosnian genocides; and

WHEREAS, Lecture Series audiences are challenged to face the difficult reality of humankind's brutality, and to reflect on the on the common and varied causes of genocide; and

WHEREAS, this distinguished series has received numerous accolades and is recognized in the community of genocide studies as a unique and essential program; and

WHEREAS, the Lecture Series helped lead to formation of the SSU Center for the Study of the Holocaust in 1987; and

WHEREAS, the Center has since broadened and deepened its focus to include the study of issues surrounding other historical and modern genocides; and

WHEREAS, the Center has been providing educational outreach programs addressing these issues since 1987 and took the lead in developing outreach and education programs aimed specifically at providing education on the Holocaust and other related issues in area school districts; and

WHEREAS, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma joins communities across our nation in raising awareness about the importance of Holocaust and Genocide education, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma do hereby honor and commend Sonoma State University on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of its Holocaust and Genocide Lecture Series.

Supervisors:

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Coursey:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.