



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: August 8, 2026

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: 2026-0758

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California, Honoring
Pat Alexander Upon the Dedication of the 2026 Sonoma County Fair Flower Show.
(Countywide)**

Whereas, since 1952, the Sonoma County Fair Flower Show has been a treasured centerpiece of the annual Fair and one of the largest floral exhibitions of its kind on the West Coast, bringing together landscaping professionals, amateur gardeners, floral enthusiasts, and community members of all ages; and

Whereas, in celebration of the 2026 Sonoma County Fair theme, “Festivals, Fiestas and Fun,” the Hall of Flowers will be transformed into a “Floral Fandango” and dedicated to Honorary Director Pat Alexander in recognition of her extraordinary dedication to the Fair and the Sonoma County community; and

Whereas, Pat is a true “fair-lifer” whose connection to the Sonoma County Fair began in the late 1960s, when she showed steers as a young person growing up in Kenwood; and

Whereas, at the encouragement of Saralee McClelland Kunde, Pat later became involved with the Sonoma County Harvest Fair, an experience that expanded her leadership in agriculture and ultimately led her to manage the livestock show at the Grand National; and

Whereas, after returning to Sonoma County, Pat was appointed to the Sonoma County Fair Board in 1989 and served with distinction until 2000, contributing her knowledge, enthusiasm, and deep appreciation for the Fair’s agricultural and community traditions; and

Whereas, Pat strengthened her connection to the Hall of Flowers through her service as a 4-H garden leader, guiding young people as they grew flowers from seed and sold them at the annual Fair plant sale to support their project group; and

Whereas, through this work, Pat developed a firsthand appreciation for the creativity, teamwork, planning, and countless hours of effort required to produce the Hall of Flowers each year; and

Whereas, throughout the decades, Pat has remained a dependable and generous supporter of the Sonoma County Fair, always willing to lend her time, knowledge, animals, equipment, and energy wherever needed; and

Whereas, Pat provided horses and wagons for rides enjoyed by fairgoers, brought her horses to agricultural education days, and consistently supported the Junior Livestock Auction and young people involved in agriculture; and

Whereas, Pat has been a steadfast advocate and mentor for agricultural youth, encouraging their participation, celebrating their accomplishments, and helping preserve the traditions that connect future generations to farming and ranching; and

Whereas, Pat recently played an integral role in bringing the Kenwood Pillow Fights, a beloved Fourth of July tradition spanning approximately 40 years, to the Sonoma County Fair for the wider community to enjoy; and

Whereas, Pat's service to both the Sonoma County Fair and Harvest Fair reflects her lifelong belief that these events are about community, connection, agriculture, education, and shared celebration; and

Whereas, Pat's lively spirit, generosity, humility, and willingness to help have made her a beloved member of the Fair family and a fitting honoree for the colorful and joyful "Floral Fandango"; and

Whereas, dedicating the 2026 Sonoma County Fair Flower Show to Pat Alexander is a meaningful tribute to her decades of leadership, volunteerism, agricultural involvement, and unwavering service to the people of Sonoma County.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma honors

Pat Alexander upon the dedication of the 2026 Sonoma County Fair Flower Show and recognizes her decades of outstanding service to the Fair, agriculture, youth, and the Sonoma County community.

Be It Further Resolved, that the Board of Supervisors extends its sincere appreciation to Pat Alexander for her enduring commitment, generous spirit, and countless contributions to the traditions and success of the Sonoma County Fair.

Supervisors:

Hermosillo: Rabbitt: Coursey: Gore: Hopkins:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.