



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: March 18, 2025

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

4/5 Vote Required

Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Honoring The Santa Rosa-Sonoma County NAACP Branch

Whereas, the Santa Rosa-Sonoma County Branch of the NAACP, established in 1953, has been a leading force for civil rights and social justice within Sonoma County, advocating tirelessly for the elimination of racial discrimination and the advancement of equitable opportunities for all; and

Whereas, the Branch has taken a bold stance on critical issues such as racism as a public health crisis, calling attention to the need for systemic changes to address and prevent the harm caused by racial disparities. This includes advocating for deeper engagement and meaningful dialogue to ensure that the lived experiences of Black, Indigenous, and marginalized communities are represented and valued in public health and policymaking processes; and

Whereas, the Branch has actively participated in initiatives to hold local institutions accountable, emphasizing that declarations alone are insufficient without actionable commitments to anti-racism, transparency, and community engagement. Their advocacy underscores the importance of implementing mechanisms for ongoing accountability and change in partnership with affected communities; and

Whereas, the Branch's work extends to a diverse range of programs and initiatives, including youth empowerment through ACT-SO, health equity partnerships such as Black Birthing Justice, and collaborations focused on housing, education, and environmental justice, reflecting their dedication to addressing both immediate needs and long-term systemic

challenges facing communities of color in Sonoma County; and

Whereas, the Branch has consistently exemplified leadership in organizing for civil rights, from engaging in regional coalitions like the Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative to supporting economic development and mental health services, all while advocating for inclusive policies that reflect the values of equity and social justice; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors extends its highest appreciation and respect to the Santa Rosa-Sonoma County NAACP Branch for their unwavering dedication to fighting racial injustice and promoting equity across Sonoma County. We honor their critical contributions and their continued role as a driving force for positive change in our community, and we look forward to a future of ongoing collaboration to build a more just and inclusive Sonoma County for all.

Supervisors:

Hermosillo:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.