



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: July 19, 2022

Item Number: _____

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4/5 Vote Required

Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Celebrating the Sesquicentennial of Glen Ellen

WHEREAS, Glen Ellen became a town 150 years ago on June 20, 1872; and

WHEREAS, a document, dated June 20th in 1872, officially recognizes the “Glenelen Post Office” at “Lebanon”, a settlement a quarter mile east of Calabazas Creek with a population of 200; and

WHEREAS, on August 3rd 1872, the following notice appeared in the Sonoma Democrat: “Mr. Temple, Postmaster, informs us that he has received official notice of the establishment of a new post office on the road, between here and Sonoma, to be called ‘Glen Ellen,’ and that Capt. Justa [sic] had been appointed postmaster for the new office... the petition for this office, we believe, named it Lebanon, but on examining the list of post offices, it was found that there were no less than six or seven called Lebanon, and to prevent confusion another name was selected, and the one chosen is certainly beautiful and appropriate.”; and

WHEREAS, it was soon afterwards that, in an effort to avoid further confusion, Charles Stuart changed the name of his nearby ranch from Glen Ellen (originally named in 1858 for his wife Ellen Mary Stuart) to Glen Oaks; and

WHEREAS, the need for local policing increased until 1901, when residents asked the County of Sonoma that Glen Ellen be named a township so they would be able to hire a constable to keep law and order. The township of Glen Ellen was established that year by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors, combining the original Agua Caliente and Los Guillicos land grants to include the entire Valley of the Moon, from the City of Sonoma all the way up to include Oakmont; and

WHEREAS, in the subsequent 150 years, Glen Ellen has developed into a vibrant community with a strong appreciation for history, the surrounding natural landscape, and people, whether they are just passing through or they call Glen Ellen home.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma do hereby celebrate the sesquicentennial of Glen Ellen.

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Supervisors:

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Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Hopkins:

Gore:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.