



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: March 25, 2025

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,
Honoring And Acknowledging Lisa Carreño For Her Exemplary Leadership, Community
Service, And Advocacy For Social Justice In Sonoma County**

Whereas, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors recognizes the outstanding contributions of individuals who demonstrate exceptional leadership and commitment to the well-being of the community; and

Whereas, Lisa Carreño has dedicated her career to advancing social justice, equity, and community development as a non-profit and community leader on both the East and West coasts; and

Whereas, as President and CEO of United Way of the Wine Country since August 2018, Lisa has led the organization through emergencies, disasters, and the pandemic, ensuring the delivery of critical resources and support to underserved communities across Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Mendocino, and Sonoma Counties; and

Whereas, Lisa's leadership has been pivotal in transforming United Way into a leading philanthropic agent for equity-centered systems change and family financial stability in the region; and

Whereas, she is an active and engaged leader in the community, serving as Chair for Los Cien Sonoma County and holding board positions with Forget Me Not Farm Children's Services, Community Foundation Sonoma County, Sonoma County Secure Families Collaborative, and the

Pepperwood Preserve Foundation; and

Whereas, Lisa's professional journey reflects her lifelong commitment to social justice, having served as Executive Director of the Maryland Commission for Women, directed the YWCA Sonoma County for over a decade, and co-founded local initiatives to increase college access for first-generation students; and

Whereas, she is the only Latina to have chaired the Sonoma County Fair Board of Directors in its 82-year history, demonstrating her trailblazing spirit and dedication to community representation; and

Whereas, Lisa's contributions to the community extend to her involvement with the Sonoma County LGBTQI Giving Circle Steering Committee, Secure Families Steering Committee, Rebuild North Bay Foundation, and other community-focused organizations; and

Whereas, Lisa Carreño celebrates her 32nd anniversary with her wife, Lorene Irizary, exemplifying the power of love, partnership, and community; and

Whereas, her tireless advocacy, exceptional leadership, and unwavering dedication have left a lasting impact on Sonoma County, inspiring future generations of community leaders.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors hereby honors and acknowledges Lisa Carreño for her remarkable contributions to the community, her steadfast commitment to social justice, and her exemplary leadership across multiple sectors in Sonoma County.

Be It Further Resolved that the Board expresses its deepest gratitude to Lisa for her dedication to creating a more inclusive, equitable, and compassionate community for all Sonoma County residents.

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