



County of Sonoma  
State of California

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Date: May 14, 2024

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4/5 Vote Required

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**Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California,**

**Celebrating and Acknowledging the Petaluma Garden Club on the**

**Occasion of its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Whereas,** The Petaluma Garden Club was founded in 1924 to create a wider knowledge of plants, to increase and stimulate a general interest in gardening; and

**Whereas,** In May of 1924, Petaluma High School adult education students formed a garden club. This is now recognized as the genesis of the Petaluma Garden Club, which was created to promote knowledge of plants, to increase and stimulate interest in gardening; and

**Whereas,** much of the work the garden club does was also inspired by the Petaluma Ladies Improvement Club that began in 1896; and

**Whereas,** the club serves to beautify the community through the city beautification projects throughout the seasons, club members maintain Jonathan's Garden at the Petaluma Senior Center, prune rose bushes at Wickersham Park and the SMART train station and plant tulips at the Petaluma Visitor Center; and

**Whereas,** the club organizes programs and exhibits that are both educational and inspirational to all its members. Members host resource booths at the Petaluma Arts and Garden Festival and Sonoma-Marin Fair. Helping to educate eventgoers to the benefits of native plants, mosquito abatement and water conservation, among other gardening topics; and

**Whereas,** the Petaluma Garden Club undertook an effort to advocate for the naming of the drought tolerant *Lavatera maritima bicolor* as the city flower for Petaluma by the city council and worked with a local artist to design a logo for the Petaluma Garden Club; and

**Whereas,** the Petaluma Garden Club has provided countless grants and charity outpouring in support of local schools, low-income new homeowners, holiday family giving and reforestation efforts.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors does hereby celebrate and acknowledge the Petaluma Garden Club on the occasion of its the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Be It Further Resolved** that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance and integral role of the Petaluma Garden Club in the community fabric of Petaluma.

**Supervisors:**

Gorin:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Rabbitt:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

**So Ordered.**