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## Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,

## Honors and Commending the Petaluma Community Guild on the

## Occasion of its 90th Anniversary

**Whereas,** In 1935, a group of local church women began an auxiliary, their mission was to support the wellbeing of children and families in the Petaluma area; and

Whereas, the group soon became independent, branding themselves as the Petaluma Community Guild (GUILD) and affectionately referring to members as "Guildies"; and

Whereas, the GUILD's original mission of providing eye care and prescription glasses to children in need has evolved to include additional charitable services supporting children in Petaluma; and

Whereas, in 2021, expanding on the GUILD's support of Petaluma area school libraries and the Sonoma County Public Library Petaluma Branch, "For the Love of Reading" program was created. Providing additional support for the school libraries. During the 2024/2025 school year, the GUILD provided \$30,000 to the project; and

Whereas, throughout the last 90 years, "Guildies," ranging in age from mid-thirties to late nineties, have gone quietly about their business of raising funds for children in the community. Today, the GUILD has 35 active members, supported by a group of emeritus members and associate members; and

**Whereas,** in 1995, as the GUILD celebrated their sixtieth anniversary they were honored as the "Petaluma Non-Profit of the Year" by the Petaluma Area Chamber of Commerce an honor of great pride to the GUILD; and

**Whereas,** the "Guildies" express gratitude to the greater community and community partners in allowing the GUILD to continue their mission whereby making Petaluma a very special place to live.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved,** that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors does hereby honor and commend the Petaluma Community Guild on the occasion of its 90th anniversary and they thank the Guild for the support and service to our community.

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