



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: January 10, 2023

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4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Sonoma, State of California,
Congratulating Glen Ellen-Kenwood Rotary celebrating 10 years of service in The Valley of the
Moon**

WHEREAS, there are over 1.4 million people in Rotary Clubs around the world, contributing approximately 47 million volunteer hours each year; and

WHEREAS, for more than a century, Rotary International has bridged cultures and connected continents. Rotarians champion peace, fight illiteracy and poverty, help people get access to clean water and sanitation, and fight disease, especially polio; and

WHEREAS, Rotary clubs are autonomous and determine service projects based on local needs. Rotarians work with and for youth to address challenges facing young people today. Through participation in Rotary-sponsored Interact clubs (for high school students), Rotaract clubs (for young adults), and Rotary Youth Leadership awards, young people worldwide learn leadership skills and the importance of community service and the Rotary's newest cause is to protect our planet and its resources; and

WHEREAS, in December of 2012 the Rotary Club of Glen Ellen-Kenwood was chartered with 25 members, most of whom were new to Rotary and Gordon Freedman, a member of the Valley of the Moon Rotary Club, was the club's founder and motivating force behind its creation and the Club's first president was Gail Johnson; and

WHEREAS, in the intervening 10 years the club has provided funds and volunteer hours to many projects, including the Redwood Empire Food Bank's Friday food distributions at Jack London Village, SOS (Sonoma Overnight Support) and its meal program at the Grange in Boyes Hot Springs, road cleanups on Arnold Drive in Glen Ellen, hosting the annual 4th of July Shindig in Kenwood Plaza Park, staffing the bar at Funky Fridays, providing food backpacks for needy students at Dunbar school, helping build a new picnic area at Sonoma Valley Regional Park, and donating money toward fire relief efforts after the 2017 fires; and

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WHEREAS, in addition to its local work, the club has donated funds to Rotary International overseas projects, and in 2022 donated \$10,000 toward Rotary International's relief program for Ukrainian refugees; and

WHEREAS, another core value of Rotary is fellowship and fun, and the Rotary Club of Glen Ellen-Kenwood is no exception. Meetings, events, and even workdays always include delicious food and drink, jokes, and camaraderie; and

WHEREAS, The Rotary Club of Glen Ellen-Kenwood welcomes all people regardless of race, creed, gender, sexual orientation, or nationality. Rotary is open to anyone of good character over 18 years old. The club meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Kenwood Depot on Warm Springs Road. Visitors are always welcome.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma do hereby congratulate the Glen Ellen-Kenwood Rotary on their 10 years of service in The Valley of the Moon.

Supervisors:

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Hopkins:

Gore:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.