



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: May 16, 2023

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**Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California,
Commending and Honoring Tony Crabb as a Recipient of North Bay Leadership Council's 2023
Leaders of the North Bay Award for "United We Stand: Community Leadership"**

Whereas, Tony Crabb is the honoree for the 2023 "United We Stand – Community Building" Award. Since retiring to Healdsburg in 2000, Tony Crabb has been building community with a focus on education, workforce development, healthcare, and environmental sustainability; and

Whereas, Crabb has played an especially active role in education—as a philanthropist, advocate and volunteer. His early support began with Healdsburg schools. He and his wife helped school programs thrive during the difficult financial times of the recession providing financial support for the school's CISCO computer networking program and the Construction and Sustainability Academy. But this was just the beginning of Crabb's contributions to education in Sonoma County; and

Whereas, Inspired by a 2010 Economic Development report highlighting the technical and soft skills gap between local employers/industry and that of our education institutions, Crabb worked closely with the Sonoma County Office of Education to promote and expand career development efforts across the county with a focus on career technical education. A student of the European pathway education model himself, and a trained mechanical engineer, he recognized how career technical education can be a powerful tool for building student engagement, improving overall academic/career success while building a critically needed workforce for employers; and

Whereas, In 2012, Crabb founded the Career Technical Education (CTE) Foundation. His goal was to inspire systemic change impacting the education experience for all students and to promote, create, and support programs for youth, middle school through post-secondary, connecting them to the high demand, high skill and high wage careers in Sonoma County. Through his philanthropy and organizational leadership, the CTE Foundation has grown exponentially with more than \$10 million dollars invested in CTE programs; has impacted the lives of more than 23,000 students; and resulted in the creation or enhancement of 134 career-connected learning programs; and

Whereas, Most recently, Crabb has leveraged his wide reach and influence in education, government, industry and among community leaders to help spearhead and launch the Our Kids Our Future (OKOF) initiative. OKOF is a voter-led campaign to pass the Sonoma County Child Care &

Children's Health Initiative, which will establish a local revenue stream dedicated to supporting our youngest residents. If passed, this funding initiative will provide approximately \$22 million annually to support local childcare, early learning, and children's health programs; and

Whereas, Thanks to Crabb's wide reach and influence in the community, he has forged relationships with donors, government and industry partners on behalf of CTE Foundation, Our Kids Our Future, Healthcare Foundation, and many more that may not have been possible without his tenacity and dedication to inform and engage anyone and everyone in his passion for the organizations and initiatives he stands behind; and

Whereas, Crabb acts tirelessly and unselfishly to ensure access and opportunity for all, cradle to career. He is deeply invested in making sure that the communities that have been historically disenfranchised and disengaged are empowered and elevated through leadership programs, educational programs, and civic engagement training. Tony Crabb's legacy is his success in strengthening and improving the community.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California, commends and honors Tony Crabb as a recipient of North Bay Leadership Council's 2023 Leaders of the North Bay Award for "United We Stand: Community Leadership."

Supervisors:

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Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.