



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: May 16, 2023

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Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California Recognizing Levi Lloyd for His Outstanding Career as a Beloved and Influential Force in the Music Community of Sonoma County

Whereas, the singer/guitarist and bandleader Levi Lloyd, a huge contributor to Sonoma County's music scene, has passed on, leaving a great void in the music community to which he contributed so much; and

Whereas, Levi Lloyd was born in Virginia, where his father was a Major in the U.S. Army. Levi referred to himself as an Army Brat. His father followed orders and moved the family, including Levi's two surviving sisters, to Germany, Panama, back to Monterey, then settled permanently near Oakland, where Levi at a young age was exposed to a thriving music scene; and

Whereas, Levi moved to Sonoma County, where he raised his daughter Samantha and stepson Chris. Levi then began sharing his musical gift to the county while performing at all the major venues and festivals. For more than four decades, Levi created and shared his music in the county of Sonoma and beyond; and

Whereas, Levi enjoyed a successful career on higher-level touring with some of the great Blues acts; in Europe with Joe Louis Walker, on the same stage with B.B. King, and playing and jamming with countless other major talents; and

Whereas, Levi created and led the Levi Lloyd and the 501 Blues Band, one Sonoma County's most enduring bands, performing for more than 35 years in festivals and music venues throughout the County; and

Whereas, Levi developed a creative vehicle for upcoming musicians and singers called Levi's Workshop where dozens of young performers had a live stage with a professional backup band to hone their skills. This included singer Celia Peterson, Levi's significant other; and

Whereas, Levi was one of the founders of the Ronnie Martin Foundation, a non-profit created for musicians in financial need. Levi realized that the life of a musician is a financial

sacrifice and some of these players would need a helping hand from time to time. This organization, a privately funded non-profit, provided this assistance; and

Whereas, Levi served as a therapist and counselor at the county's Orinda Center, where for more than six years he provided leadership to individuals in detox and recovery. Levi was proud to share his 23 years of sobriety.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma does hereby recognize the outstanding contributions and celebrated career of a music hero, Levi Lloyd.

Supervisors:

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.