



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: April 27, 2019

Item Number: _____
Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Recognizing The 50th Anniversary Of Snoopy's Home Ice.

Whereas, Snoopy's Home Ice, also known as the Redwood Empire Ice Arena, is celebrating its 50th Anniversary April 26, 27, 28 of 2019 in recognition of its role in providing a recreational facility and a community gathering hub throughout the North Bay region; and

Whereas, Snoopy's Home Ice was completed in April 1969 and continues to be supported financially by the Charles M. Schulz Family; and

Whereas, Snoopy's Home Ice is the only permanent ice arena on the coast of California between Oakland and the Oregon border and it serves over 110,000 skaters a year consisting of figure skaters from the Santa Rosa Figure Skating Club, adult hockey players, Santa Rosa Junior Hockey Club, the Santa Rosa Junior College Team as well as recreational skaters; and

Whereas, Snoopy's Home Ice, through world-famed cartoonist Charles M. Schulz, started Snoopy's Senior World Hockey Tournament in 1975 and has hosted the event for 43 years bringing in an estimated \$5.8 million dollars a summer to Sonoma County businesses. Teams have traveled from all over the U.S.A, Canada, Finland, Japan, Austria, Australia, Norway, and Sweden to play in the Tournament; and

Whereas, Snoopy's Home Ice, which is housed in a 33,500 square foot facility was one of the largest buildings in Santa Rosa in 1969 and has offered a venue for show skating, skating lessons, shows, tennis matches, and concerts. Attracting the star-studded entertainment of Ed Ames, Crystal Gayle, Billie Jean King, Liberace, Virginia Wade, Rosie Casals, Bob Newhart, San Francisco Symphony, Helen Reddy, Anne Murray and B.J. Thomas, Debi Thomas, Kristi Yamaguchi, and Tony Hawk; and

Whereas, Snoopy's Home Ice, directed and underwritten by Charles M. Schulz, hosted holiday ice show spectacles from 1986 through 2003 consisting of superlative skating, and eye-popping costumes and sets. Many of the top skaters of the day—Dorothy Hamill, Scott Hamilton, Robin Cousins, Charlie Tickner, and Richard Dywer—skated in these shows; and

Whereas, The Redwood Empire Ice Arena is also a local favorite and has been home to countless birthday parties, holiday events, charity balls, and fundraisers; and

Whereas, famed Peanuts cartoonist Charles M. Schulz ate breakfast and lunch in the Warm Puppy Café most working days of his life. He commented that it had become an important part of the local community, saying, "Ordinary people come. Young and old. People who don't have anything to do, who don't even skate. They use the coffeeshop to meet their friends. I'm at home with ordinary people. I understand their attitudes."

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize the 50th Anniversary of Snoopy's Home Ice/Redwood Empire Ice Arena and commends the institution for its historic contributions to the community.

Supervisors:

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Ayes:	Noes:	Absent:	Abstain:	

So Ordered.