



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: August 17, 2019

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4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,
Celebrating The Dedication Of A Native Sons Of The Golden West Historic Marker
At The Crane Melon Barn.**

Whereas, the Crane Melon Barn on Petaluma Hill Road, built in 1868, is a Sonoma County landmark constructed entirely from redwood. It was originally used for hay and horses and due to its sturdy construction it has survived several major earthquakes; and

Whereas, since the 1920's, customers from near and far have visited every September and October to purchase the famous Crane melon from six generations of Cranes starting with '49er gold miner and farmer, Richard Hope Crane, who settled in Sonoma County in 1852;and

Whereas, the Crane melon was developed at the turn of the 20th century by Richard's son and farmer, Oliver Crane, by crossing several varieties of heirloom melons and using a dry land farming technique based on the specific soil and site, he developed a melon with a unique and delicious flavor;

Whereas, these same farming practices have been passed down through the generations from Oliver Crane to his son Richard "Dick" Crane, who passed it to his son George Crane, Sr., who taught them to his son Richard "Rick" Crane, and today Jennifer Crane, Rick's daughter, represents the 6th generation of Cranes using these farming practices; and

Whereas, on August 17, 2019 the Native Sons of the Golden West will dedicate a historic marker at the Crane Melon Barn celebrating the rich history.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors does hereby celebrate the dedication of the historical marker at the Crane Melon Barn.

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Supervisors:

Gorin:	Rabbitt:	Gore:	Hopkins:	Zane:
Ayes:	Noes:	Absent:	Abstain:	

So Ordered.