



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: November 12, 2019

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,

Whereas, the Pacific Coast Air Museum is celebrating 30 years since its founding by a handful of local pilots and aircraft owners as a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting and preserving aviation history through the acquisition, restoration, and display of historic aircraft; and

Whereas, the museum displays over 30 military and civilian, propeller and jet aircraft, including a retired Air Ambulance helicopter donated by Sonoma County's REACH organization, PCAM is one of the few air museums in the country to maintain a fleet of flying aircraft; and

Whereas, the museum's mission is to educate and inspire young and old about our aviation heritage and space technology, to preserve aircraft for display, and to honor veterans, this year alone hosting over 7,000 visitors; and

Whereas, its displays tell the story of flight in the Sonoma County area, including the Santa Rosa Army Airfield – now the Charles M. Schulz-Sonoma County Airport, the Santa Rosa Naval Auxiliary Air Station just south of Santa Rosa, a Korean War-era U.S. Air Force air base, and a model of the USS Intrepid aircraft carrier; and

Whereas, the museum hosts Open Cockpit weekends and special events throughout the year. Exhibits display rare photos and artifacts of "Golden Age" and World War II flight, including flight helmets dating back to before World War I, goggles, propellers, and aircraft instruments from the 1930s and 1940s, and a large collection of model aircraft; and

Whereas, the flight simulator lets visitors into the cockpit to take the controls and fly a 3D virtual reality simulation of a P-51 Mustang, a Sopwith Camel, or many other planes; and

Whereas, PCAM volunteers take the museum's mobile simulator and Huey helicopter to many Sonoma County events, providing Sonoma County residents a unique exposure to aviation; and

Whereas, the museum's premier exhibit is the F-15A "First Responder," the first fighter jet on the scene over New York City the morning of September 11, 2001; and

Whereas, the Education Committee conducts frequent Boy Scout Merit Badge classes, participates in science fairs, and participates in the Wiseman-Cook challenge in Petaluma and hosts school field trips that include docent-led tours and aircraft to sit in and the opportunity to hear stories by veterans and engage in question and answer sessions; and

Whereas, museum members conduct aviation classes utilizing science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), giving 6th through 9th graders unique insights into aviation, and acting as judges at the SSU Science Symposium and pursue scholarships to educate and inspire young people to get involved in aviation.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors for the County of Sonoma recognize and celebrate the Pacific Coast Air Museum on the occasion of its 30th Anniversary.

Supervisors:

Gorin: Zane: Gore: Hopkins: Rabbitt:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.