



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, Recognizing the 150th Anniversary of the Santa Rosa Seventh Day Adventist Church

Whereas, the Santa Rosa Seventh Day Adventist Church was established in 1869, the first Seventh Day Adventist Church west of the Rocky Mountains; and

Whereas, the Church on 2nd and B Streets began hosting worshippers on October 11, 1869, and was dedicated on November 21, 1869, by Elders D.T. Bourdeau and J. N. Loughborough; and

Whereas, for 55 years the Church opened its doors twice weekly to help about 500 people a month— rain or shine – at either Doyle Park or the Sonoma County Library and hosts a weekly recovery support group as well; and

Whereas, the Church participates monthly with other area churches in the Nomadic Shelter program that offers dinner and a bed for the night to those who would otherwise be out in the cold; and

Whereas, the Church sends a band of musicians and bags of books monthly to the nursing home next door for a good old-fashioned hymn singalong; and

Whereas, the Church annually hosts an AMEN Clinic offering eye exams and glasses, dental care, blood pressure checks, physical therapy, nutrition and lifestyle tips, massages and more, free to all who participate; and

Whereas, every Rose Parade the Church serves a free pancake breakfast to parade participants and parade goers alike; every Memorial Day it provides free bottles of water to the crowds at Santa Rosa Memorial Park; and, every December for the past 22 years, hundreds of its members bring alive the Christmas story in nine scenes, delighting more than 17,000 visitors to the free drive-thru pageant; and

Whereas, on Christmas Eve, for more than 20 years, its members convene at one of the local hospitals to sing Christmas carols, going room to room, floor to floor, to bring Christmas Peace to patients and staff; and, three times in the past decade it has hosted a free barbecue, open to everyone, as part of its Salute to the Military, in which local military heroes are recognized; and

Whereas, its longevity alone would mean nothing without its service to the community over the past 15 decades.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize the Santa Rosa Seventh Day Adventist Church on the occasion of its 150th Anniversary, and wishes them a successful anniversary event on Saturday, November 16, 2019.

Supervisors:

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

So Ordered.