



# County of Sonoma

## State of California

Date: December 17, 2020

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4/5 Vote Required

### **Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California, Congratulating Betty Ann Ka'ihilani Bruno on being named Sonoma Valley's Treasure Artist of 2020**

**WHEREAS**, each year since 1983, the City of Sonoma's Cultural and Fine Arts Commission selects an artist whose body of work and service to the community are substantial, exceptional and inspiring; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Sonoma Treasure Artist honors local artists who, in addition to promoting the arts, help enrich the Valley with their commitment to their craft; and,

**WHEREAS**, for the year 2020, the City of Sonoma has selected Betty Ann Ka'ihilani Bruno, chosen for her significant contributions to the cultural growth of Sonoma Valley through her commitment to sharing her "aloha" spirit; and,

**WHEREAS**, the spirit of "aloha" is a way of living and treating each other with love and respect, and Betty Ann expresses this in her work as the founder of Hula Mai, a cultural organization where Betty Ann teaches hula to individuals and groups of all age groups throughout the Sonoma community; and,

**WHEREAS**, Betty Ann hosts a monthly jam session, or Kanikapilas, where everyone is invited to sing, play ukulele and dance hula and Betty Ann also invites artists both locally and from Hawaii to teach students in the Hawaiian Arts, and Betty Ann and her Hula dance troupe also puts on nine free shows a year in the Plaza and also at local hospitals; and,

**WHEREAS**, before coming to Sonoma, Betty Ann Bruno also was a reporter for 20 years for KTVU TV in Oakland, California, with a focus on social justice stories, and in her early years was a child actor and most notably a Munchkin in "The Wizard of Oz", an experience that Betty Ann feels has been a huge presence in her life; and,

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**WHEREAS**, a nomination letter noted “Betty Ann, truly is a treasure and her warm personality, her friendly inclusiveness, her amazing enthusiasm for all things Hawaiian, her incredible energy and her genuine caring for others makes her a delight to be around; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Sonoma County Congratulates Betty Ann Ka’ihilani Bruno on being named as Sonoma Cultural and Fine Arts Commission’s Treasure Artist for 2020.

**Supervisors:**

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Zane:

Hopkins:

Gore:

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4Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

**So Ordered.**