



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: February 4, 2020

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,
Recognizing and Honoring Tjiska Van Wyck on her Retirement and Years of Service as
Executive Director of Jack London Park Partners**

Whereas; Tjiska Van Wyck came to Jack London Park Partners after a long career in marketing and development for nonprofit organizations including; San Francisco Zoological Society, Sierra Club, the American Red Cross and Earthjustice; and,

Whereas; as Executive Director of Jack London Park Partners (JLPP), which assumed responsibilities of managing Jack London Park in 2012 at a time when many state parks were struggling with funding and faced with the prospect of closure, Tjiska Van Wyck created a strong new park management and has initiated and overseen numerous strategies allowing the Jack London Park to thrive and thus preserving Jack London's legacy, lands and the "House of Happy Walls"; and,

Whereas; Tjiska expanded the Board of Directors to include expertise in conservation, marketing, fundraising, entrepreneurial business development and park management, worked with Transcendence Theatre Company's "Broadway Under the Stars" and Triple Creek Horse Outfits bringing 90,000+ attendees and participants to the park annually, and

Whereas; with the purpose of creating a more relevant park, and promoting the story of Jack and Charmian London, Tjiska has established numerous creative programs including health and fitness hikes, an environmental literacy program for 7th graders and a partnership with

the local school district to bring children up to the park to establish connections with nature, and a “Teens to Trails” vocational program of environmental education for “at risk youth” has also been established and expanded; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors recognizes and congratulates Tjiska Van Wyck on her years of service with Jack London Partners and her upcoming retirement.

Supervisors:

Gorin: Zane: Gore: Hopkins: Rabbitt:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.