



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: March 16, 2021

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,
Honoring Vesta Copestakes For 20 Years Of Service To The Community as Founder and
Publisher of the Sonoma County Gazette**

Whereas, Vesta founded the Sonoma County Gazette to be the community's messenger, a vehicle through which we could hear the voices of small town across all of Sonoma County; and

Whereas, Vesta has been actively engaged in supporting the Forestville community as a leader in the Chamber of Commerce, the Forestville Planning Association, and ongoing community engagement in bringing to life projects such as the Downtown Forestville Park; and

Whereas, Vesta imagined and grew the Forestville newsletter into the West County and then Sonoma County Gazette as an expression of her community spirit; and

Whereas, Vesta has been a tireless advocate for community engagement in issues large and small, providing stories that help voters to get informed and involved; and

Whereas, Vesta nurtured citizen journalism for local community content that had been underrepresented by other publications, growing a devoted following of over 150,000 readers each month; and

Whereas, Vesta has been one of the original members of the Lower Russian River Municipal Advisory Council, helping grow this advisory entity to represent her district of Forestville and all of unincorporated West County; and

Whereas, Vesta has been a fearless advocate for local schools, recognizing students are our future; and

Whereas, Whereas Vesta shared her passion for justice and her love of Sonoma County with and for all of us.

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Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California, hereby expresses the highest gratitude for Vesta Copestakes' excellent public service provided to the Fifth District and to community members countywide.

Supervisors:

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.