



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: November 2, 2021

Item Number: _____

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4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Sonoma, State of California,
Congratulating Nikita Ducarroz on her achievement in winning a Bronze medal in BMX
Freestyle Cycling at the Tokyo Olympics 2021**

WHEREAS, born in Nice, France, to a Swiss father and an American mother, Nikita Ducarroz and family moved to Glen Ellen, California when she was 3 months old, where she and her siblings attended Sonoma Valley schools; and

WHEREAS, Nikita and her siblings are dual-citizens of Switzerland and the U.S., spending summers with Swiss grandparents in Geneva, making Nikita eligible to represent the Swiss BMX (bicycle motocross) team at the Tokyo Olympics 2021; and

WHEREAS, Nikita Ducarroz has always been an uncanny athlete riding a bike and flipping in the air as early as the age of 5 teaching others along the way; and

WHEREAS, her training began with doing BMX tricks on a ramp in her driveway, soon on a half-pipe and box jump in her backyard, then out at Ramp Rats in Santa Rosa, and later at competitions throughout California, then other parts of the U.S., then Europe, which led to her training for the Olympics in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, though BMX racing has been an Olympic sport since 2008, 2021 was the first year Women's BMX freestyle, also known as BMX Freestyle Park, was included in the Olympic events; and

WHEREAS, BMX Freestyle Park is an event which involves a short bicycle with riders going hard up and down curved ramps sending the rider high into the air to perform remarkable tricks like flipping, twisting, spinning and turning in mid-air before landing firmly on the down-ramp getting two runs for a score, with the highest score of either run recorded; and

WHEREAS, after a brilliant first round, Nikita Ducarroz landed in third place at the August 1, 2021 Women's BMX Freestyle final with a score of 89.20 earning a lifelong memento of

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sporting excellence, praise from NBC commentators on her second ride through the Ariake Urban Sports Park and ongoing love, cheer, and support from a community of people.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma do hereby recognize Nikita Ducarroz on her achievement in winning a Bronze medal in BMX Freestyle Cycling at the Tokyo Olympics 2021 and wish her a great success in her future endeavors.

Supervisors:

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.