

*The Board of Supervisors of  
Contra Costa County, California*

In the matter of:

**Resolution No. 2013/48**

**Honoring the Winners of the Arts and Culture Commission of Contra Costa County 2012 Arts Recognition Awards**

**WHEREAS**, Michele Seville, Arts & Culture Manager; Hershell West, Visual Artist; and St. Mary's College Museum of Art; have each advanced the appreciation of the Arts in Contra Costa County; and

**WHEREAS**, , Ms. Seville has enjoyed a stellar and accomplished career as Arts & Culture Manager for the City of Richmond with many successes promoting Arts & Culture in Contra Costa County communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Seville has played a major role in programs like Richmond Neighborhood Public Art (NPA), Richmond Writes!, a student poetry program, East Bay Arts Corridor Project and 510Arts.com, Point Richmond Music (PRM), Richmond Civic Center Restoration, Art on the Greenway, and others; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Seville served as Richmond Arts Center's Interim Executive Director to help expand Arts education programs in schools and community centers; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. West has enjoyed long career in the Arts both as an exhibiting Fine Artist, Arts Educator and Founder of key arts programs and outstanding projects within Contra Costa County communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. West co-founded West County Open Studios in 1996, and played a key role in establishing The Art of Living Black as a founding incorporator, he served as Chair of Richmond Arts and Culture Commission and as Board President of Richmond Art Center as well as Board President of Media Art Works, El Cerrito, and founding incorporator of the Rosie The Riveter Trust in Richmond; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. West an accomplished Visual Artist and Muralist with contributions made on public murals in Richmond and Pinole as arts educator and community outreach coordinator, and worked with Celebrating Culture and Community of El Cerrito on its banner program for at-risk youth; and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Mary's College Museum of Art includes an art collection originated in the early part of the 20th century; and

**WHEREAS**, the first gallery opening was in 1934; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hearst Art Gallery was built in 1977 with a grant from the Hearst Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, the newly expanded Saint Mary's College Museum of Art (formerly the Hearst Art Gallery) was completed in October of 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, the Museum serves both the Saint Mary's College community and the public;

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors congratulates Michele Seville, Arts & Culture Manager; Hershell West, Visual Artist; and St. Mary's College Museum of Art for their outstanding achievement and contribution to Contra Costa's arts and culture. Contra Costa County.

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**FEDERAL D. GLOVER**

Chair,  
District V Supervisor

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**JOHN GIOIA**

District I Supervisor

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**CANDACE ANDERSEN**

District II Supervisor

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**MARY N. PIEPHO**

District III Supervisor

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**KAREN MITCHOFF**

District IV Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: January 15, 2013

David J. Twa,

By: \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy