

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2015/361

Honoring Meals on Wheels Contra Costa, Inc. on its 25th Anniversary.

Whereas, Meals on Wheels of Contra Costa, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, was founded in 1990 by two County managers, A.Paul Krantz and Robert M. Sessler, who used their own resources to address the lack of government funding to provide Meals on Wheels services to everyone who needed it in Contra Costa County; and

Whereas, prior to 1990, the countywide Meals on Wheels program typically had daily waiting lists of 50 to 150 homebound elders, leaving large service gaps; and

Whereas, Meals on Wheels Contra Costa is a coalition of organizations and agencies helping to ensure that all seniors in Contra Costa have access to ample nutritional food through the County Senior Nutrition Program; and

Whereas, Meals on Wheels Contra Costa is the only agency in the County raising funds to provide the meals delivered to elders served by the County's Meals on Wheels Program; and

Whereas, senior citizens aged 80 and older are the fastest growing population segment in Contra Costa County. Many are homebound and unable to obtain nutritious daily meals to maintain their health and remain independent in the comfort and security of their own homes; and

Whereas, the average Meals on Wheels participant in Contra Costa County is 80 years old, lives alone or with a co-dependent spouse, and has one or more chronic health conditions that prevents them from preparing or shopping for nutritious daily meals. Most live below the Bay Area basic low income standards and many must choose among paying for food, medicines, rent or utilities with their meager resources; and

Whereas, for 25 years, Meals on Wheels of Contra Costa, Inc. has raised more than \$13 million from generous individuals and charitable organizations and subsidized 4.6 million nutritious daily meals plus delivery costs. Meals on Wheels of Contra Costa currently provides 40% of the total annual funding of the countywide Meals on Wheels Program.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County do hereby congratulate Meals on Wheels of Contra Costa, Inc., on its 25 years of critically-important service to the residents of Contra Costa County and its instrumental role in meeting the nutritional needs of at-risk seniors by bridging the resources gap to ensure that all seniors in need of Meals on Wheels services in Contra Costa County have access to the service.

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Chair,
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District V 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: September 22, 2015

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy