

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2016/645

**EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO DISTRICT III SUPERVISOR MARY NEJEDLY PIEPHO FOR HER SERVICE  
TO CONTRA COSTA COUNTY AND THE CONSTITUENTS OF DISTRICT III**

WHEREAS, Supervisor Mary Nejedly Piepho was elected to the District III County Supervisor seat in November 2004 and served as Chair of the Board of Supervisors in 2007 and 2012. As the District III Supervisor, she has represented the largest of the five districts, geographically, covering Antioch, Bethel Island, Brentwood, Byron, Discovery Bay, Knightsen, and Oakley in East Contra Costa County and Blackhawk, Diablo and Tassajara Valley in the southern portions of the county; and

WHEREAS Mary was re-elected in November 2008 and again in 2012 and, as a member of the County Board of Supervisors, tackled difficult issues that required considerable diplomacy, consensus development, and sheer determination. Her efforts resulted in the award-winning Contra Costa County Vasco Road Safety Improvements Project to improve the safety of approximately one mile of Vasco Road between the cities of Brentwood and Livermore with lane dividing delineators, safety realignment and roadway widening; and

WHEREAS during her tenure on the Board, Mary championed critical services to the historically underserved population of far east county, and worked with determination to open up economic opportunities and future potential for county farmers and agricultural lands with value-added marketing and wine and olive processing. She also advocated for many transportation improvements to ease East County traffic woes and spearheaded the acquisition of property in Brentwood for a one-stop county government center to better serve the needs of east county residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS a hallmark of Mary's County service has been her leadership in the fight against the California Water Fix initiative, bringing the five Delta counties together to help solve water issues they have in common, and continuing the legacy of her father, former State Senator John Nejedly, who in 1982 fought to prevent the construction of the Peripheral Canal, which would have sent water from the Sacramento River to Southern California by way of an aqueduct east of the Sacramento San Joaquin River Delta; and

WHEREAS Mary fought for improved Veteran support services countywide, supported funding for improvement to the Brentwood VFW Hall, lead the effort to transfer the Danville Veterans Hall to the Town of Danville and, in 2007, initiated the County's annual Veteran's Day celebration; and

WHEREAS Mary demonstrated her leadership in protecting the County's public safety budgets and in her efforts to create an opportunity for a more viable and sustainable East Contra Costa Fire Protection District; and

WHEREAS Mary actively promoted sound fiscal policies, including building reserves, substantially reducing the OPEB liability, and adopting structurally balanced budgets, which helped the County to regain its AAA bond rating from Standard & Poors and to upgrade its Moody's lease bond rating from A1 to Aa3, with both agencies commenting on fact that Contra Costa County was "fundamentally sound, and had a stable outlook for the future"; and

WHEREAS, Mary, throughout her outstanding career of public service, was able to balance the demands of work and family successfully in both arenas; and

WHEREAS Mary leaves her own legacy of devotion to the mission of local government. During her 12 years as the District III Supervisor, she has been a tireless advocate for the people of Contra Costa County and has earned the trust and confidence of constituents to make decisions on their behalf for the betterment of Contra Costa County;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors hereby congratulates Mary Nejedly Piepho upon completion of three consecutive terms as the District III Supervisor of Contra Costa County, and expresses its appreciation and admiration for her leadership in advancing public services to the residents of far east county, protecting our precious Bay Delta resources, and improving the quality of life throughout Contra Costa County; and wishes her new challenges and opportunities, and many years of happiness with husband David and daughter Mariah doing things that they enjoy.

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**CANDACE ANDERSEN**

Chair,  
District II Supervisor

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**JOHN GIOIA**

District I Supervisor

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**KAREN MITCHOFF**  
District IV Supervisor

**FEDERAL D. GLOVER**  
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: December 20, 2016

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