

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

In the matter of:
recognizing the Blackhawk Chorus at their 25th Anniversary.

Resolution No. 2017/70

Whereas, since 1991, the Blackhawk Chorus has been delighting audiences in the East Bay and abroad with polished, vibrant performances spanning classical, popular, jazz and contemporary music; and

Whereas, the Blackhawk Chorus began in 1991 when 12 women sought voice lessons from acclaimed former soprano coloratura Diane Gilfether; and

Whereas, under the direction of founder and noted former opera principal Diane Gilfether, the chorus performs two concert series each year. In December, they present a festive holiday program, and in the spring, a showcase of popular jazz and pop standards; and

Whereas, the Blackhawk Chorus regularly fills the house at venues such as the Leshner Center in Walnut Creek and the Bankhead Theater in Livermore, though they also are proud to have represented the Tri-Valley area in performances further afield – at New York’s Lincoln Center, throughout Europe, and even at the Vatican in Italy; and

Whereas, more than two decades later, and still under Diane’s direction, many of the original 12 are still with the group, although membership has swelled to around 130 singers and now includes men as well as women; and

Whereas, the Blackhawk Chorus has truly become a family to its members – a source of laughter, comfort, friendship, and a local jewel to anyone who has ever attended their performance.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby honor and congratulate The Blackhawk Chorus At their 25th Anniversary Celebration.

FEDERAL D. GLOVER
Chair, District V Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA
District I Supervisor

CANDACE ANDERSEN
District II Supervisor

DIANE BURGIS
District III Supervisor

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: March 21, 2017

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy