

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2018/173

the Kennedy-King Memorial College Scholarship Fund's Fiftieth Annual Scholarship Awards Dinner.

WHEREAS, in the late 1960s two men paid the ultimate price for their belief in equality of opportunity when Senator Robert F. Kennedy and Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. were assassinated; and

WHEREAS, visionary residents of Contra Costa County moved by these events founded a living memorial to continue the fight for equal opportunity. Fifty years later the Kennedy-King Memorial College Scholarship Fund continues to seek opportunity in education for all; and

WHEREAS, Kennedy-King scholarship recipients are drawn from the three Contra Costa Community Colleges – Contra Costa College in San Pablo, Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill, and Los Medanos College based in Pittsburg; and

WHEREAS, recipients are chosen for their financial need, academic promise, and determination to obtain an education; and

WHEREAS, scholarship recipients are drawn from minority groups under-represented in the California College and University system, principally African-American, Americans derived from Spanish speaking cultures, Native Americans and Pacific Islanders; and

WHEREAS, since 1968 Kennedy-King has awarded 816 scholarships totaling almost \$4.8 million; and

WHEREAS, prior recipients are now contributing members of the local community as medical professionals, lawyers, teachers, engineers, scientists, business men and women, and government officials. Three former scholarship recipients now contribute as members of the Kennedy-King Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, as an all-volunteer organization Kennedy-King continues to use over 95% of contributed funds for scholarships; and

WHEREAS, Kennedy-King's 50-year history of success ensures that donations will provide the intended benefits – a college education for a worthy student, and community benefit for Contra Costa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize the Kennedy-King Memorial College Scholarship Fund for their fifty-years of dedication to equality of opportunity for higher education.

KAREN MITCHOFF
Chair, District IV Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA
District I Supervisor

CANDACE ANDERSEN
District II Supervisor

DIANE BURGIS
District III 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: May 8, 2018

David J. Twa,

By: _____, Deputy