

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

**In the matter of:
HONORING 100th ANNIVERSARY OF IRON WORKERS LOCAL 378**

Resolution No. 2021/304

Whereas, Iron Worker's Local 117 becomes Local 378 on September 22, 1921; and

Whereas, Iron Workers Local 378 members help build the Carquinez Bridge in 1927, the Benicia to Martinez Southern Pacific Railway Bridge in 1930, and the Bay Bridge during the period 1933-1936; and

Whereas, With America's involvement in WWII, the Richmond Shipyards employed many Ironworkers, including many women who were first entering the trades; and

Whereas, In 1953 Ironworkers started construction of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge, which opened in 1956, and the second parallel Carquinez Bridge was opened in 1958; and

Whereas, The Iron Workers moved to their own Hall at 1734 Campbell St. in Oakland Ca. in 1957 where they were located until 1991; and

Whereas, The George Miller Memorial Bridge Otherwise known as the Benicia Bridge, which opened in 1963 was built by Ironworkers; and

Whereas, After the Loma Prieta earthquake of 1989, in less than 30 days Ironworkers assisted in the rescue of trapped commuters and repaired the damaged section of the Bay Bridge, restoring transportation to and from San Francisco and the Peninsula; and

Whereas, In 1991, the Ironworkers move to Benicia, California and established a training center for Bay Area Ironworkers of Locals 378 and 377; and

Whereas, Built by Ironworkers, the Alfred Zampa Memorial Bridge is opened in 2003. This was the first suspension built in over thirty years and is the only bridge in the State of California named after a working man, an Ironworker; tradespeople who played an integral role in the construction of the Golden Gate Bridge and numerous other bridges in the Bay Area; and

Whereas, In 2013, the eastern section of the Bay bridge was opened. This was built to address the seismic inadequacy of the 75-year-old cantilever section of the bridge; and

Whereas, In April of 2020, The Ironworkers are deemed essential workers during the pandemic; and

Whereas, Ironworkers play a key role in civic engagement and political involvement, providing pathways for underserved populations to enter into the middle class, offering apprenticeship opportunities for men and women, and fighting for living wages and local hiring – among other advocacy;

Therefore, Let it be Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby honor the Ironworkers Local 378 on its 100th, and congratulate the men and women of the trade on their numerous contributions to the people and places of Contra Costa County.

DIANE BURGIS

Chair, District III Supervisor

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District I Supervisor

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District II Supervisor

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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: September 21, 2021

Monica Nino, County Administrator

By: _____, Deputy