

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

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2022/49

The City of Antioch, California upon celebrating the 150th Anniversary of its incorporation.

Whereas the City of Antioch, California is celebrating the 150th anniversary of its incorporation, and

Whereas Antioch is one of the oldest towns in the region, and

Whereas in 1848, John Marsh, owner of Rancho Los Méganos, one of the largest ranches in California, built a landing on the San Joaquin River in what is now Antioch, and

Whereas it became known as Marsh's Landing and was the shipping point for the 17,000-acre rancho, and

Whereas in 1849, twin brothers Rev. William Wiggins Smith and Rev. Joseph Horton Smith sailed from Boston, purchased land from John Marsh and founded a town slightly west of Marsh's Landing, and named it Smith's Landing, and

Whereas during the town picnic on July 4, 1851, William, the town's new minister, persuaded the residents to change the name of the town to Antioch, for the biblical city of Antioch, and by united acclamation, it was so christened, and

Whereas around 1859, coal was discovered in several places in the hills south of Antioch, and coal mining formed the first substantial business apart from farming and dairying for the inhabitants of this community, and

Whereas this new industry added greatly to the economic activity of the Antioch area, and

Whereas the building that served as the Antioch terminus of the Black Diamond railroad still stands on the corner of F Street and Fourth Street, and the grading and trestles remain much as they were in the early days, and

Whereas in 1863, a great excitement arose over the discovery of copper ore near Antioch, and

Whereas the Antioch Post Office was opened in 1851, closed in 1852, reopened in 1855, closed again in 1862, reopened in 1863, and has operated continuously since, and

Whereas the City of Antioch was incorporated in 1872, and

Now, therefore be it resolved that Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors recognizes and celebrates the City of Antioch on its Sesquicentennial anniversary.

KAREN MITCHOFF

Chair, District IV Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA

District I Supervisor

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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: February 1, 2022

Monica Nino, County Administrator

By: _____, Deputy