The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2022/107

In the matter of recognizing Mark Rainier Catapusan as the 2022 Youth Hall of Fame Awardee for Perseverance

**WHEREAS**, every March, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors hosts a celebration in honor of César E. Chávez in recognition of his commitment to social justice and respect for human dignity; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme is Avanzando Nuestras Generaciones con Unidad, Advancing Our Generations with Unity; and

**WHEREAS**, we take this opportunity to share stories of local students who are working hard to move us forward and improve the lives of others; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize these students with the Youth Hall of Fame Awards during the celebration for their contributions to our community and in the spirit of one of our country's most treasured activists: César E. Chávez; and

**WHEREAS**, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors is proud to recognize Mark Rainier Catapusan, a senior at Ygancio Valley High School, who is bound for Stanford University this fall through early admission; and

**WHEREAS**, at 14 years old, Mark began working at McDonald's and when his family could not help with transportation, he would pay for an Uber to get to work; and

**WHEREAS**, in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Mark came out as gay and the bullying continued from his peers and it was difficult for his devoted Catholic parents to accept his coming out, but his sisters supported him and encouraged his parents to do the same; and

**WHEREAS**, Mark used his money to participate in volleyball workshops at Bay Area Volleyball Club (BAVC) and he is a member of prestigious and selective programs such as the USC Bovard Scholars, Penn In Focus fly-in program, and more; and

**WHERAS**, Mark earned League Honorable Mention as a freshman for volleyball and was the captain his freshman and sophomore years and he has been instrumental on the Change the Mascot Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, outside of school he is enrolled in a volleyball course at Diablo Valley College and is a member of the undefeated Allstar competitive cheerleading team.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors recognizes Mark Rainer Catapusan as the 2022 Youth Hall of Fame Awardee for perseverance, and for exemplifying the values of service, integrity, kindness, activism, and leadership that César Chávez embodied through his life.

KAREN MITCHOFF

Chair, District IV Supervisor

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**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: March 29, 2022

Monica Nino, County Administrator

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