

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

In the matter of:

**Resolution No. 2023/513**

**Proclamation Recognizing Dr. Carol Weyland Conner's Humanitarian Contributions to the County of Contra Costa**

in 2013, Dr. Carol Weyland Conner founded White Pony Express, the volunteer-powered nonprofit which delivers fresh, surplus food gathered from supermarkets and restaurants to hungry neighbors throughout the county; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Conner believed, "There is a simple solution that can end the problems of hunger and marginalization for good—a new paradigm: *voluntary shared abundance*. In this model of life, responsibility for helping the family of man is assumed by *everyone*, or in the phrase White Pony Express uses, 'all of us taking care of all of us!'" ; and

**WHEREAS**, since its founding, White Pony Express has rescued and delivered more than 24 million pounds of nutritious food—equal to 20 million meals—to food insecure communities in Contra Costa County and has distributed more than 1 million items of new clothing and emergency supplies, all free of charge; and

**WHEREAS**, every week, White Pony Express delivers fresh groceries and nutritious meals to 14 schools in Contra Costa County where 80% of children are on free or reduced-cost lunch programs; and

**WHEREAS**, to foster self-worth in underserved children, Dr. Conner founded the nonprofit Following Francis, which has staged festive outdoor fairs, musical plays, and other activities for nearly 15,000 children in the East Bay, Contra Costa County, and throughout the nation and has distributed new clothing, groceries, holiday gift baskets, and cash gifts to hundreds of Contra Costa County residents in need; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Conner was the director of [Sufism Reoriented](#), an American spiritual school founded by Meher Baba that honors all spiritual traditions and the essential unity of all life; and

**WHEREAS**, during the pandemic, volunteers of White Pony Express and Following Francis participated in a project initiated by Dr. Conner which involved distributing hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash gifts of \$1,200 apiece to county residents, identified by community organizations as being in dire need.

that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County hereby recognizes the impact of Dr. Conner's contributions and humanitarian efforts to serve underserved Contra Costa residents. Moreover, we are deeply grateful for her compassionate heart, dedicated work, and exceptional leadership. Her legacy will live on through her nonprofits which serve food, clothing, and beautify neighborhoods throughout the country.

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**JOHN GIOIA**

Chair, District I Supervisor

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District II Supervisor

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District III Supervisor

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District IV 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: August 1, 2023

Monica Nino, County Administrator

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