

# *The Board of Supervisors of* C.21 *Contra Costa County, California*

IN THE MATTER OF DECLARING 2009 "THE  
YEAR OF THE RICHMOND PLUNGE  
RESTORATION AND RENOVATION" AND  
SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO REBUILD THIS  
HISTORIC SWIMMING POOL

RESOLUTION NO. 2009/91

WHEREAS, the Richmond Municipal Natatorium, affectionately called "The Plunge" has served the San Francisco Bay Area since 1926 with what is considered the largest indoor heated swimming pool in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, since August 2008, after years of considerable effort involving many groups including the Richmond Friends of Recreation, Save the Richmond Plunge Trust, the City of Richmond, Contra Costa County, and the State of California, restoration and renovation began on phase one of the main pool structure, with the goal of renovating its original design while exceeding "green" building standards including using ultra-violet filtration system, radiant and solar heating, and natural light and ventilation; and

WHEREAS, "The Plunge" has provided, and will provide for generations to come, a source of family fun, recreation, exercise, physical therapy, aquatic programs, competitive meets, swimming lessons and water safety; and

WHEREAS, the established health benefits of swimming are well-known including obesity prevention, improvements to muscle strength, circulation, blood pressure, cardio-vascular health, arthritis, and stress; and

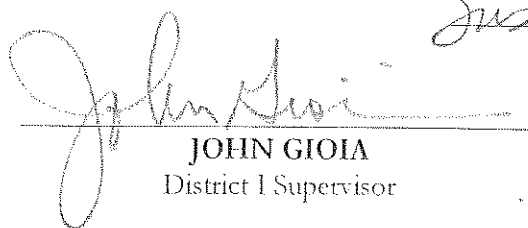
WHEREAS, while residents have access to the water and shores of the San Pablo and San Francisco Bay, Sacramento Delta and Pacific Ocean, "The Plunge" provides a safe and comfortable indoor swim center ideal for advancing skills in swimming, water life-safety, canoe and kayaking; and

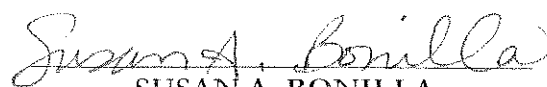
WHEREAS, after the anticipated completion of "The Plunge" phase one construction in summer 2009, there is an immediate need for funds for phase two; the restoration and rehabilitation of the Neo-Classical front entry building where showers and changing rooms will be located; and

WHEREAS, through the incredible generosity of the Wayne and Gladys Valley Foundation, a \$500,000.00 matching grant has been awarded toward the completion of the restoration and renovation of "The Plunge"; and


WHEREAS, funds raised to meet this matching grant must be from private, non-government sources, and all citizens will benefit from the completion of the restoration, renovation and reopening of the Richmond Municipal Natatorium known as "The Plunge";

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County hereby honor the efforts to renovate and reopen the historic "Richmond Plunge" swimming pool, including the widespread community support for the project, and declare 2009 "The Year of the Richmond Plunge Restoration and Renovation."

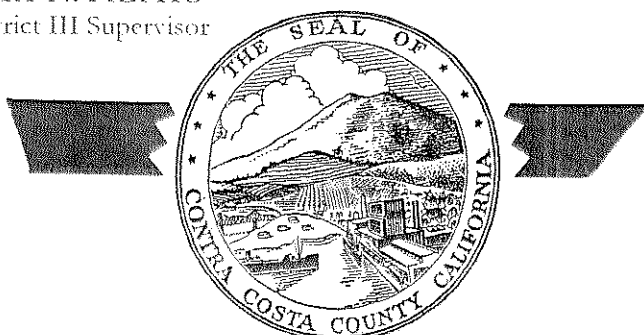
  
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I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown:

ATTESTED: March 17, 2009

DAVID J. TWA, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

By  Deputy