

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

## **In the matter of Recognizing the Contra Costa County Library's 100th Birthday Celebration and Proclaiming 2013 the "Year of the Library"**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012/ 513**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors established the Contra Costa County Library on July 21, 1913; and  
WHEREAS, Mrs. Alice G. Whitbeck was appointed to serve as the first County Librarian on August 14, 1913; and

WHEREAS, the Walnut Creek Library became the first County library on October 9, 1913; and  
WHEREAS, the Library quickly grew to encompass 33 community libraries and foster 41 school partnerships by 1918; and

WHEREAS, the Library led the way in providing critical information to the public during World War II with an Information Center established at its headquarters; and

WHEREAS, the Library enabled lifelong learning by initiating Project Second Chance, the successful adult literacy program, in 1984; and

WHEREAS, the Library acquired its millionth volume in 1985; and

WHEREAS, the Library moved into the computer age with an automated online catalog and website (ccclib.org) in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County recognized the Library as Department of the Year in 1997; and

WHEREAS, the Library received the California State Association of Counties Challenge Merit award in 2009 for efforts to improve the equity of service to communities on the outskirts of the County and for installing the first fully-automated, 24/7 Library-a-Go-Go service in the country; and again in 2011 for Snap & Go mobile library services; and

WHEREAS, the Library received the American Library Association Office of Information Technology Award for Cutting Edge Technology in 2010 and 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Library celebrated the opening of its 26th community library in 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Library was honored by the California Library Association with the PR Excellence Award in 2008 and 2011 for their high quality efforts in promoting and communicating their services to residents; and

WHEREAS, community members borrowed over seven million items in 2011; and

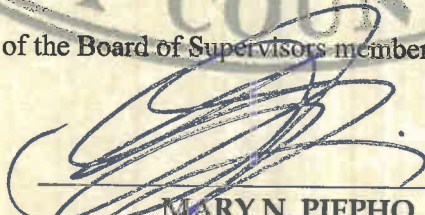
WHEREAS, community members provided over 55,000 volunteer hours in support of their library in 2011; and

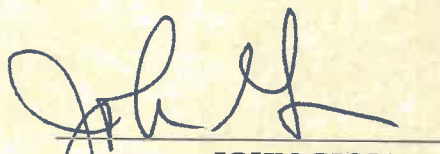
WHEREAS, the American Library Association awarded the Library the John Cotton Dana Public Relations Award in 2012; and


WHEREAS, the Library was nominated and selected to receive the coveted Institute of Museum and Library Services National Medal for its many achievements in bringing the library to the community, given to only ten cultural institutions each year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors does hereby proudly recognize the Contra Costa County Library's upcoming 100th Birthday Celebration on July 21, 2013, and proclaims 2013 as the "Year of the Library."

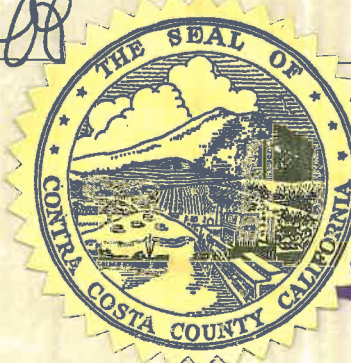
PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 2012.

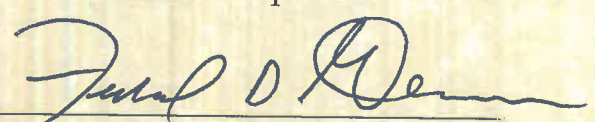
  
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