

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of honoring the 40th anniversary of the Hatlen Center for the Blind, located in San Pablo, and its merger with Junior Blind of America - two innovative, educational leaders. **RESOLUTION NO. 2013/63**

WHEREAS, the Hatlen Center for the Blind, a residential teaching program located in San Pablo, Contra Costa County, was established more than 40 years ago in 1972 by Dr. Phillip Hatlen, a renowned educational innovator, to provide rehabilitative services to adults with blindness to help them live independently; and

WHEREAS, the Hatlen Center, formerly called the Living Skills Center for the Visually Impaired, helped to develop and implement a cutting edge approach to teaching people with visual impairment the skills needed to live as independently as possible, breaking with the historical model of sheltering or protecting blind people from the world, rather than empowering them to live in it; and

WHEREAS, the Hatlen Center is celebrating 40 years of service as an educational leader in independent living for people with visual impairment; and


WHEREAS, meanwhile, in Malibu, Southern California, Junior Blind of America, formerly the Foundation for the Junior Blind, was established in 1953 to provide recreational services to children who were blind or visually impaired; and

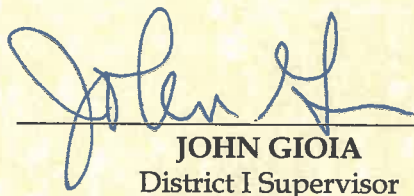
WHEREAS, since its founding, Junior Blind has grown and expanded to provide a range of educational and recreational programs for people with blindness or visual impairment from infancy through the adult years, becoming a leader in services to the blind; and

WHEREAS, today, Junior Blind of America and the Hatlen Center are joining forces as a combined organization serving people with blindness and visual impairment throughout the state of California, with campuses in San Pablo and Southern California. The Hatlen Center has now become a program of Junior Blind of America, maintaining and strengthening its Bay Area program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County honors the Hatlen Center and Junior Blind of America on joining forces to provide acclaimed, model services to people with visual impairment throughout California, wishes the strengthened endeavor continued success, and congratulates the Hatlen Center on its forty years of landmark service.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 5th day of February, 2013.


FEDERAL D. GLOVER
Chair,
District V Supervisor


JOHN GIOIA
District I Supervisor

ABSENT

MARY N. PIEPHO

District III Supervisor


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District II Supervisor



KAREN MITCHOFF
Vice Chair,
District IV 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 5, 2013

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

By  Deputy


Introduced by Supervisor Gioia