

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of recognizing April 3, 2015 as "Contra Costa County Centennial Day", commemorating the Panama Pacific International Exhibition

Resolution No. 2015/94

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County recognizes 2015 as the Centennial Year of the Panama Pacific International Exhibition held in San Francisco from February 20, 1915 to December 4, 1915; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County continues to play an integral part in creating the wealth, economic bounty, and trade for which San Francisco is noted; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County residents, public officials, and Chambers of Commerce actively encouraged the United States Congress to select San Francisco as the Exposition City for the 1915 World's Fair; and

WHEREAS, President William Howard Taft addressed the citizens of Oakley from the presidential train on October 13, 1911 en route to Washington, D.C. after hefting the ceremonial spade of dirt for the Exhibition's official ground breaking; and

WHEREAS, Byron Hot Springs largest shareholder, Mae Sadler Mead, was the Contra Costa County Chairwoman and youngest county representative to the Panama Pacific International Exhibition Women's Board; and

WHEREAS, Exhibition County Commissioners to the Panama Pacific International Exhibition, R.R. Veale, Sheriff, and James Bermingham, Hercules Powder Company Superintendent, worked tirelessly to promote Contra Costa County, its agricultural products, its manufacturing industries, and its connection to the Exhibition; and

WHEREAS, over 10,000 Contra Costa County residents traveled to the Panama Pacific International Exhibition, in San Francisco, to celebrate our Contra Costa County Day, April 3, 1915, one-hundred years ago including over 300 autos and a parade of floats over 1/4 mile long; and

WHEREAS, the remaining artifacts of the Contra Costa County Exhibit as originally displayed in the Exposition's California Building in 1915 are still intact, preserved, and displayed at the Martinez Historical Society Museum.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby recognize Friday, April 3, 2015 as "Contra Costa County Centennial Day" in commemoration of its residents' important role in creating the Panama Pacific International Exhibition.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 31st day of March, 2015.

ABSENT

JOHN GIOIA

Chair,
District I Supervisor

CANDACE ANDERSEN

District II Supervisor

MARY N. PIEPHO

District III Supervisor

KAREN MITCHOFF

District IV Supervisor

ABSENT

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 31, 2015

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

By Stephanie Z. Mello, Deputy

Introduced by Supervisor Piepho