

# The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of recognizing Richard O'Connor

**Resolution No. 2015/429**

WHEREAS, Richard O'Connor was born and raised in Martinez, California and learned to play the guitar when he was just three years old; and

WHEREAS, Richard inherited his talent and developed his love of music from his father, a professional singer of Blue Grass Music, and performed with him on the radio, for community and school events, and later as a member of Jack & The Rippers; and

WHEREAS, Richard continued to play the guitar after joining the Marine Corps in August of 1966 where music sustained both him and his troop, through both good times and bad; and

WHEREAS, Richard was wounded in Vietnam and received three Purple Heart Medals and spent over five months recovering at Oak Knoll Hospital in Oakland after being wounded for a third time. He was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps as a Corporal on August 16<sup>th</sup>, 1968; and

WHEREAS, Richard has played for wounded troops coming home to Travis Air Force Base, the same place he once came home wounded in 1968; and


WHEREAS, Veterans who served with Richard have contacted him, thanking him for his music and for bringing them a sense of home while they were fighting in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, Richard has been playing guitar and singing at many Veteran's events, including the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisor's Annual Veteran's Day Ceremony since 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby honor and thank Richard O'Connor for his dedication and commitment to all he has served, both in the United States Marine Corps and since coming home.

*PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015.*

  
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: November 10, 2015

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

By Stephanie Melb, Deputy