The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Concord Jazz Festival

Resolution No. 2019/518

WHEREAS, in 1969 Carl Jefferson organized the first Concord Summer Music Festival that later became the Concord Jazz Festival; and

WHEREAS, the inaugural event brought out 17,000 fans to what would be later designated at Dave Brubeck Park; and

WHEREAS, the festival found its current home at the Concord Pavilion due to the growth of the event over the years; and

WHEREAS, over the course of the last 50 years the Concord Jazz Festival has welcomed Count Basey, Rosemary Clooney, Ella Fitzgerald, Wood Herman, Marian McParltand, Mel Torrme, Pancho Sanchez and Dave Brubeck, who was Concord born and raised; and

WHEREAS, in 1973 Carl Jefferson started Concord Records which operated in Concord for 26 years; and

WHEREAS, talented musicians at Concord Records recorded albums that made the billboard charts, which lead to a strong jazz history in Concord; and

WHEREAS, the Concord Jazz Festival will sponsor several jazz related events over the course of August 1-August 10 celebrating jazz in all its forms; and

WHEREAS, the 50th Anniversary Jazz Festival and Art & Wine Expo will be held August 3, 2019 starting at 4pm at the Concord Pavilion and will feature Dave Koz & Friends Summer Horns, Esperanza Spalding, Chick Corea Spanish Heart Band, The Legendary Count Basie Orchestra featuring Patti Austin, Jamison Ross, Carmen Bradford and Poncho Sanchez & his Latin Jazz Band, and many more.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby recognizes 50thAnniversary of the Concord Jazz Festival and honors the community for their rich jazz tradition.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 30th day of July, 2019.

JOHN GIOIA

Chair,

District I Supervisor

CANDACE ANDERSEN

District II Supervisor

KAREN MITCHOFF

District IV Supervisor

DIANE BURGIS

District III Supervisor

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: July 30, 2019

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

By Stepland Mollo, Deputy