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The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of honoring the Richmond, California Branch of the NAACP

Resolution No. 2020/49

WHEREAS, the Richmond, California branch of the NAACP was charted in 1944, and has been operating for 75 years; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond branch of the NAACP is steadfast in fighting for civil rights, justice and equality and standing up for the underserved; and

WHEREAS, the national NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) was formed in 1909 in response to the horrifying racism of US history including the practice of lynching and the 1908 race riot in Springfield, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, sadly and tragically, the need for organizations such as the NAACP continues today as we work for true racial equality and an end to racism; and

WHEREAS, even with today's racism, the NAACP has played a major role in improving race relations over the past 100 years, ending abhorrent segregation and inequality on many levels; and

WHEREAS, today, local branches of the NAACP, including Richmond's, stress five focus areas in their advocacy work: education, economic opportunities, civic engagement, health, housing, and environmental justice; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond branch of the NAACP is celebrating its 33rd Freedom Fund Gala on Saturday, February 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the theme of this year's Freedom Fund Gala is "Power of the Black Vote".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby honor the NAACP of Richmond, California for fighting for civil rights, justice and equality, and congratulate the organization on its 33rdFreedom Fund Gala.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 11th day of February, 2020.

CANDACE ANDERSEN

Chair,

District II Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA

District I Supervisor

ABSENT

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: February 11, 2020

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

By Stephanie Mello, Deputy