Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, 
Congratulating Martha Rosenblatt on being named a Sonoma Valley Hospital Foundation 
2016 Pulse Award Recipient

WHEREAS, the Sonoma Valley Hospital Foundation (SVH) is dedicated to bringing health and well-being to the residents of Sonoma Valley through philanthropic and volunteer support. Since 1982, SVH Foundation has raised more than $7 million dollars to enhance medical services equipment and programs, and to help cover the cost of caring for patients who could not otherwise afford to pay, and

WHEREAS, the Sonoma Valley Hospital Foundation hosts an annual Celebration of Women event to pay tribute to women in the community who have made outstanding contributions through their volunteerism, community involvement and philanthropy, and

WHEREAS, the Pulse Award is given during the annual Celebration of Women event and this year, the two exceptional honorees are Martha Rosenblatt and Claudia Mendoza-Carruth in recognition of their generosity of time, talent, and spirit to the community of Sonoma Valley, and

WHEREAS, the Celebration of Women Event benefits the Sonoma Valley Hospital’s Diagnostic Imaging for Women “Project Pink” Program which provides No Cost Mammograms for Uninsured and Underinsured Women living in the Sonoma Valley, and

WHEREAS, Martha Davenport Rosenblatt was born in Chicago where she lived for seven years before moving north to the suburb of Wilmette. There she attended grade school, and New Trier High School in Winnetka, graduating in 1959. After graduation, she attended the University of Wisconsin in Madison. At the University she met David Blackwell whom she married in 1963, the summer after college, and

WHEREAS, the next several years brought two children, David and Julie, and many changes in residence due to David’s career as a sportscaster for the NBC affiliate. Much of their travels were spent in the world of college football and with the University of Nebraska. The team took them to Hawaii, Florida, and California, and

WHEREAS, Martha became involved in community service through fundraising for her son’s school and later developed a docent program for the Henry Doorly Zoo, which provided her the experience of caring for a baby gorilla. She went on to volunteer at Planned Parenthood in both a clinic and later as a board member in Utah during a very challenging period for women’s reproductive rights. Passionate and determined, Martha served on various committees for the Planned Parenthood Federation of America. It was through this work, she meet and married her second husband, the man who succeeded her as
president, Steve Rosenblatt. In addition, she joined the board of the Guadalupe Center, where she began to develop an interest in early education of the underserved Latino population, and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Martha and Steve moved to Sonoma to fulfill a dream of building their own home and joining the community. Soon after, they became founding members of the Sonoma Valley Museum of Art. She served on the first board of directors, as president for two years, and currently is on the Presidents’ Council. She also served on the first board of directors of the Sonoma Valley Fund, participated in the tutoring program at El Verano, and as a docent for the Bouverie Audubon Preserve. Currently, she is part of the team organizing the first fundraising gala celebrating Jack London Park and serves on the Advisory Board, and

WHEREAS, for the past seven years, La Luz has been her priority, where she has served as president and remains a member of the Board of Directors. Martha has helped plan “Noche” for the past six years, and

WHEREAS, as noted by Margaret Mead, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." Martha is a gift to the community of Sonoma through her deeds, actions, and excellent heart, and

THEREFORE BE IT NOW RESOLVED, that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors hereby congratulates Martha Rosenblatt on being named a Sonoma Valley Hospital Foundation 2016 “Pulse Award” Recipient.

Supervisors:

Gorin: Zane: Gore: Carrillo: Rabbitt: 
Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:  
So Ordered.