

# The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of recognizing the 9<sup>th</sup> annual International Girls in Aviation Day.

Resolution No. 2023/541

**WHEREAS**, the United States is recognized as the global leader in aerospace safety, efficiency, and innovation; and

**WHEREAS**, local leaders in government and in the community recognize the importance of the aerospace industry to the economic prosperity, national security, and citizen safety of the United States and that the aerospace industry is dependent upon a skilled workforce to maintain this exemplary level of quality; and

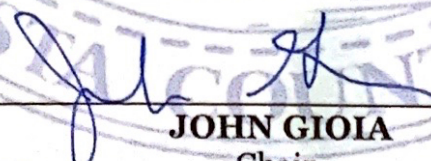
**WHEREAS**, women have been involved in aviation since its earliest days, from E. Lillian Todd, who designed and built aircraft in 1906, to Harriet Quimby who, in 1911, became the first woman to earn a pilot certificate and cross the English Channel, to Helen Richey, who became the first woman pilot for a U.S. commercial airline in 1934, to Astronaut Dr. Sally Ride who, in 1983, was the first American woman in space, to Jeana Yeager who copiloted the first non-stop, non-refueled flight around the world in 1986, to Astronaut Eileen Collins, who became the first female Space Shuttle pilot, in 1997, and first female Space Shuttle Commander, in 1999; and

**WHEREAS**, during the last two decades, although the number of women involved in the aviation industry has steadily increased, only 16 percent of people working in the aircraft, spacecraft, and manufacturing industry are female; and

**WHEREAS**, it is agreed that the path to increasing participation is through a collaborative effort by government, industry, and dedicated organizations and individuals designed to inspire girls to pursue aerospace-based goals, prepare female students through quality aerospace STEM curriculum and expose girls to positive female role models; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby proclaim September 23, 2023, as Girls in Aviation Day and encourages all citizens, businesses, public, and private agencies, media, and educational institutions to support and participate in Girls in Aviation Day events being held nationwide, by Women in Aviation International Chapters, promoting girls in aviation and aerospace.

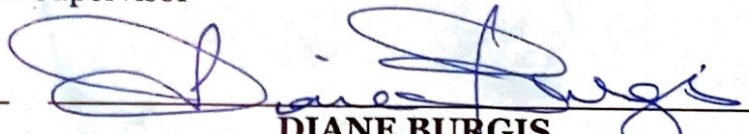
*PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.*



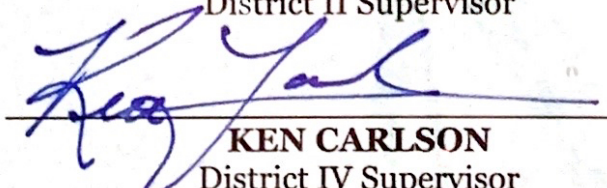
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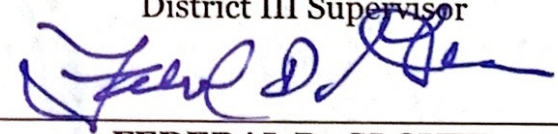
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I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown:

ATTESTED: September 12, 2023

MONICA NINO, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

By  Deputy