

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

**In the matter of: Honoring the Legacy
of Hawaiian Spaniards and Recognizing the
Academic & Cultural Conference Celebrating
Their Contributions.**

Resolution No. 2025-284

WHEREAS, between 1907 and 1913, approximately 8,000 immigrants from Andalucía and Extremadura, Spain, journeyed to Hawaii under indentured labor contracts to work in the sugar industry; and

WHEREAS, upon the completion of their contracts, many of these individuals and families relocated to California, in Contra Costa County, particularly the city of Pittsburg, becoming one of the largest and most vibrant hubs for the Hawaiian Spaniard community; and

WHEREAS, in Pittsburg and neighboring communities such as Antioch, Brentwood, and Byron, Hawaiian Spaniards made enduring contributions to the industrial, maritime, and agricultural sectors, working in canneries, on fishing boats, in steel plants, and in orchards and vineyards throughout the region; and

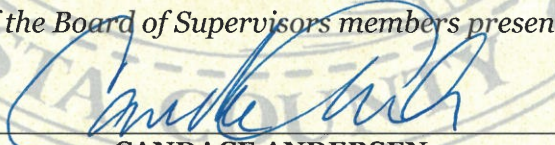
WHEREAS, these families brought with them a rich blend of Andalusian and Hawaiian cultural traditions, building strong communities rooted in resilience, family, and faith, while also becoming active participants in local commerce, churches, civic life, and social organizations; and

WHEREAS, their legacy lives on today through generations of descendants who continue to contribute to the vitality of Contra Costa County in fields such as local government, education, healthcare, agriculture, and small business; and

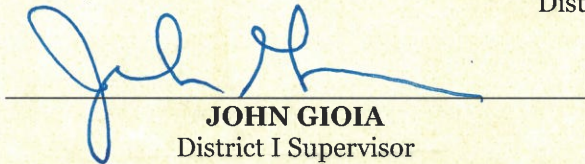
WHEREAS, the upcoming Spanish Hawaiian Heritage Association's Cultural & Academic Conference 2025 will serve as a landmark gathering of scholars, descendants, and community members from Spain, Hawaii, and California, showcasing the history and heritage of the Hawaiian Spaniards through keynote addresses, research presentations, cultural performances, and historical exhibits; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby honors and recognizes the enduring contributions of the Hawaiian Spaniards to the economic, civic, and cultural life of Contra Costa County, and expresses its appreciation and support for the Academic & Cultural Conference as a meaningful tribute to this important chapter of our shared history.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 9th day of September 2025.

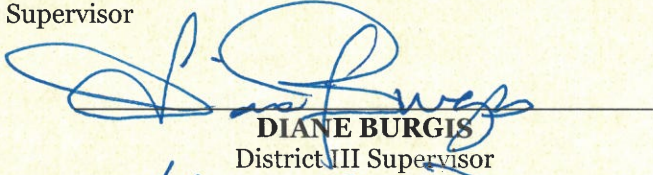

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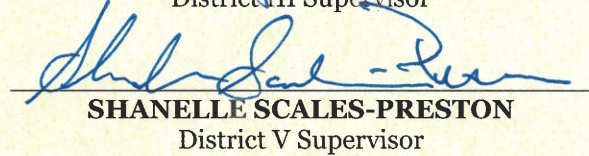
Chair,
District II Supervisor


JOHN GIOIA
District I Supervisor

Absent


KEN CARLSON
District IV Supervisor


DIANE BURGIS
District III Supervisor


SHANELLE SCALES-PRESTON
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: September 9, 2025

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

By , Deputy