

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

**In the matter of: Recognizing the 250th
Anniversary of the Juan Bautista de Anza
Colonizing Expedition of 1775-1776.**

Resolution No. 2026-70

WHEREAS, in 1775 - 1776, Juan Bautista de Anza led an expedition of some 240 women, men and children on an epic journey from, present-day Nogales, Arizona to the San Francisco Bay Area to establish the first non-Native settlement there, and

WHEREAS, the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail spans 1,200 miles, linking history, culture, and recreation across the southwestern United State and California, serving as an enduring tribute to the people, places, and histories shaped by this historic journey, and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the 250th Anza Expedition, the National Park Service is partnering with land managers, organizations, counties and the East Bay Regional Park District to recognize the significance of this anniversary, and

WHEREAS, Anza led a contingent of soldiers to explore the East Bay and travelled through Contra Costa County from April 1 to April 4, 1776, where they contacted numerous Native tribes, investigated the Bay and camped along the way. Anza and Father Pedro Font produced full accounts of the trip as well as excellent maps, and

WHEREAS, the 250th commemoration offers an important opportunity to honor Hispanic, Native and Afro-Latine heritage, recognize the impacts of colonialism on indigenous people, and promote understanding of the complex historical narratives that have shaped our region, and

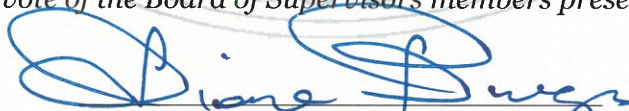
WHEREAS, the County of Contra Costa is proud to acknowledge the historic Anza Trail in our area, including the Delta de Anza Regional Trail and the Marsh Creek Trail, and is committed to preserving and promoting this inclusive history, and

WHEREAS, the County of Contra Costa is partnering with the National Park Service to replace and update existing auto tour signs directing drivers along the county roads to historic, interpretive, and recreation sites along the historic path, and

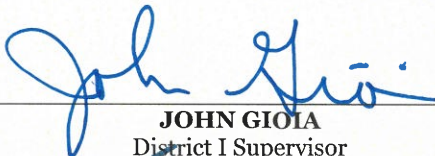
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby recognizes the 250th anniversary of the Juan Bautista de Anza expedition of 1775-1776 and expresses its sincere appreciation to the National Park Service and the East Bay Regional Park District for their efforts to share the history and manage this trail; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of supervisors supports its continued commitment to public education, historic preservation and equitable storytelling through its support of the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 17th day of March 2026.



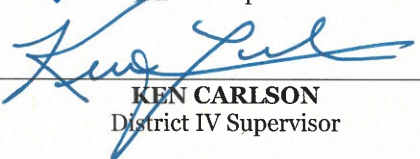
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Chair,
District III Supervisor



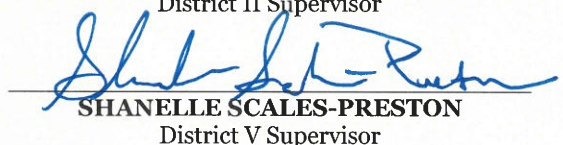
JOHN GIOLA
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District II Supervisor



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District IV 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: March 17, 2026

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

By  , Deputy