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BY Florence Evans
Clerk of the Board

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-0399

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
HONORING LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL
FOR 100 YEARS OF SERVICE

WHEREAS, this year LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL celebrates 100 years since its founding on June 7, 1917. Now, with 1.4 million members worldwide and more than 1,565 members in District 4-C5 which encompasses 35 Clubs in the Sacramento area, a common guiding principle that binds each and every member and Club together is "To Serve." Founder Melvin Jones, in speaking about service to others, says, "You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else"; and

WHEREAS, it was in 1923 that LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL heeded a call by Hellen Keller for LIONS to become "knights of the blind" which inspired Lion George Bonham to paint a cane white and add a red band for the safety of blind walkers, later to become emblematic of "White Cane Day" fundraising to aid the visually impaired; and in 1939, LIONS launched a Guide Dogs for the Blind school which since became a signature service program; and

WHEREAS, LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL in Sacramento County has distinguished itself through the participation of active members who exemplify the LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL commitment to service through such programs as bringing needed vision services, including eye exams, to schools in our region which dramatically increases reading comprehension for participating students who, in turn, are able to earn their own Kindle readers donated by local LIONS CLUBS; and

WHEREAS, LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL in our local district launched an innovative program that delivers donated pairs of glasses to inmates at Folsom State Prison who, in turn, refurbish the glasses for distribution to needy people in our community. Other combined efforts have served to enhance the LIONS CLUB district-wide mobile program which serves low income people and students with eye screening exams and access to glasses; and

WHEREAS, LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL in the Sacramento region has also extended their outreach to include services and specialized activities for children and adults with disabilities as well as support for local food banks. These and a variety of other programs have been included in the global commitment by LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL to log 100 million service hours; and of worthy note, the local District 4-C5 has contributed 56,000 hours to the total; and

WHEREAS, LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL has also partnered with the Gates Foundation on a dollar-for-dollar match to eradicate measles, thus far raising \$3 million for this worthy cause.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors, County of Sacramento, State of California, does hereby congratulate LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL and District 4-C5 on its CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY and expresses its gratitude and appreciation to all LIONS, past and present, who have so generously contributed to the betterment of the quality of life for Sacramento County residents; and further, commend them for their dedication and service to communities through the extraordinary commitment to volunteerism and humanitarian relief, and on this milestone year, offer best wishes to LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL and District 4-C5 for continued success and prosperity as they embark upon the next 100 years in their work "To Serve."

On a motion by Supervisor Serna, seconded by Supervisor Kennedy, the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors, County of Sacramento, State of California, this 6th day of June, 2017, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES: Supervisors, Frost, Kennedy, Nottoli, Peters, Serna

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

RECUSAL: None

(PER POLITICAL REFORM ACT (§ 18702.5))



Chairman, Board of Supervisors
County of Sacramento

In accordance with Section 25103 of the Government Code of the State of California a copy of the document has been delivered to the Chair of the Board of Supervisors, County of Sacramento on 6-6-17

By: 
Deputy Clerk, Board of Supervisors

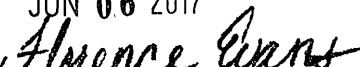
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