

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-_____
CELEBRATING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY YEAR OF THE
FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT DESIGNED MARIN COUNTY CIVIC CENTER

WHEREAS, October 13, 2012 to October 13, 2013 was the 50th Anniversary Year of Celebration honoring the completion and dedication of the Administration Building of the Marin County Civic Center. Designed by world-renowned American architect, Frank Lloyd Wright, the Marin County Civic Center is a profound manifestation of his principles of organic architecture; and

WHEREAS, the Board offers its sincere thanks and appreciation for the year-long series of educational and entertaining events created by Marin's Frank Lloyd Wright Civic Center Conservancy and its 50th Anniversary Committee; and

WHEREAS, special recognition is due to the energetic and inventive Sandra Fawn, chair of the 50th Anniversary Committee, who with spirit and intelligence, along with her committee and County staff, oversaw the creation of a web site, banners and postcards, the lighting of the golden spire on nights of special significance, the design of a commemorative U.S. postmark, and a Plein-Air Paint Out on the center's grounds; and

WHEREAS, working with Marin County Free Library Anne T. Kent California Room librarian, Laurie Thompson, and the Marin County Fair, the 50th Anniversary Committee designed and curated an interactive exhibition, "The Wright Place," to teach and express the Frank Lloyd Wright heritage during the 2013 Marin County Fair. This exciting hands-on activity center featured a youth photography competition highlighting the Civic Center, historical quizzes, architectural games, and the display of the original model of the Civic Center building and grounds; and

WHEREAS, in partnership with the San Francisco chapter of the American Institute of Architects, the Conservancy and the Marin County Free Library sponsored an evening of Civic Center tours and a panel discussion and reception at the Board of Supervisors chambers. Moderated by the S.F. Chronicle's architecture critic, this distinguished panel of experts discussed the history, functionality and future of Marin's architectural gem; and

WHEREAS, as the year's culminating event, the 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee presented a Richard Rapaport original radio drama, **Vera, Mary and Mr. Wright**. This play, performed for a standing room only audience in the Board chambers at the Civic Center, featured local celebrities, current and former County staff, design professionals and a professional actor including: Peter B. Collins, Brian Frank Carter, Marge Macris, Annette Rose, Joan Brown, William Schwartz, and Brent Ainsworth and was directed by Suki Sennett, former County staff member. Bracketing the performance were songs by the "Cascade Blend" featuring local residents Dart and Esther Cherk, Ed Bogas and Desiree Goyette; and

WHEREAS, many of these events were recorded for future enjoyment and can be reviewed at the County's 50th Anniversary webpage and at the archives in the Marin County Free Library's Anne T. Kent California Room; and

WHEREAS, thanks are due to the thousands of Marin residents and visitors for enthusiastically participating in the celebratory events lauding the County's most famous and beloved civic structure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors does hereby express its gratitude and appreciation to the volunteers, community partners and co-sponsors, County departments and staff, and members of the Frank Lloyd Wright Civic Center Conservancy and its 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee for coming together to make *The Frank Lloyd Wright Civic Center Recognition Year* a resounding success honoring the grand vision of Frank Lloyd Wright in creating the Marin County Civic Center.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held on this ___th day of _____, 2013, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS

NOES:

ABSENT:

PRESIDENT, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

CLERK