

RESOLUTION  
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MARIN COUNTY

COMMENDING  
GAIL HAAR

WHEREAS, Gail Haar has been with the Marin County Free Library since 1990; and

WHEREAS, Gail has served in many professional capacities, including Reference Librarian at Civic Center, Branch Manager at Civic Center, Novato and Corte Madera, one year as Acting County Librarian, 10 years as Deputy Director and was appointed Director of County Library Services in October 2007; and

WHEREAS, before moving to California Gail spent 12 years at libraries in Connecticut. Her management experience there included constructing a new library building in Marlborough, Connecticut and implementing that library's first on-line circulation system; and

WHEREAS, Gail professional background includes a Master's in Library Science and an MBA. Gail has been involved in State and National professional associations and has been a book reviewer for *Library Journal*; and

WHEREAS, Gail's extraordinary leadership, and willingness to investigate new ideas, programs and services led to the implementation of significant changes to the Marin County Free Library including centralizing materials selection, implementing the floating collection, and initiating the move to single point of service; and

WHEREAS, Gail worked tirelessly to successfully pass Measure A, the parcel tax that enabled the library to maintain hours, materials and programs; and

WHEREAS, her colleagues appreciate her breadth of experience, her quick mind, and her wonderful sense of adventure and fun. When discussing ideas with Gail, she usually starts out with, "why not", and then collaborates to bring the vision to reality; and

WHEREAS, Gail has been the social glue for many women leaders in the County, making others feel welcome in the organization, providing personal and professional support, informal mentoring, and encouraging sharing and collaboration; and

WHEREAS, Gail follows her imagination and curiosity, not just in literature but also in world travel, be it adventures to Machu Picchu and the Galapagos, or remote reaches of Alaska to view the Northern Lights and go dog sledding; and

WHEREAS, Gail enjoys spending time with her husband Bob of 43 years, their three grown sons and families, including four grandchildren.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marin County Board of Supervisors commends Gail Haar on the occasion of her retirement from her position as Director of County Library Services and her countless contributions and service to the people of Marin County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 26th day of March 2013.

JUDY ARNOLD - DISTRICT 5, PRESIDENT

SUSAN L. ADAMS - SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 1

KATIE RICE - SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 2

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