

RESOLUTION
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARIN COUNTY

COMMENDING
BOOK PASSAGE'S FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, Elaine Petrocelli, with a fondness for travel and a penchant for reading, decided to open an independent bookstore devoted to exploring the world; and

WHEREAS, Elaine and Bill Petrocelli opened their aptly-named new store "Book Passage" in 1976 in a small, historical building in downtown Larkspur, creating a lively space with eclectic titles, which soon became a local favorite with a loyal following; and

WHEREAS, Book Passage, with growing popularity, outgrew its original home, and in 1986 moved to a spacious location in Corte Madera which allowed for an exponential expansion of categories and book titles as well as a café, creating a community hub and gathering place for workshops, lectures, and author events; and

WHEREAS, over the ensuing years, Book Passage has hosted many events to benefit local charitable organizations, including Marin Community Clinics, Buckelew Programs, Canal Community Alliance, Marin Abused Women Services, The Marin AIDS project, Breast Cancer Action, Performing Stars, and the Marin Literacy Project; and

WHEREAS, among its many contributions to the community, since 1993 Book Passage has sold used books for the benefit of Hospice By the Bay; and

WHEREAS, Book Passage opened a second store in 2003 inside the newly-renovated San Francisco Ferry Building, expanding its readership, authors' events and workshops; and

WHEREAS, Book Passage has sponsored more than 3,000 writing workshops, art classes, language courses, children's groups, publishing classes, and literary salons – including its nationally-known Mystery Writers Conference, Travel Writers Conference, the "Cooks with Books" series, and the Conference for Children's Writers and Illustrators; and

WHEREAS, since its founding forty years ago, Book Passage has gone on to become a center of community and literary activity, an incubator for many literary careers, and a nationally-recognized home for some of the Bay Area's most memorable literary events, hosting over 10,000 events with renowned scholars and novelists, including Nobel Prize and Pulitzer Prize winners, three U.S. Presidents, as well as new and aspiring authors whose appearances at Book Passage were springboards to writing success; and

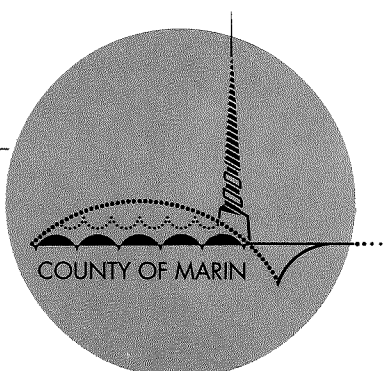
WHEREAS, in spite of the predicted displacement of "real books" by digital media and the prematurely announced demise of "brick and mortar stores" due to online shopping, Book Passage is one of the Bay Area's most successful independently-owned bookstores, widely known as "The Bay Area's Liveliest Bookstore", garnering national accolades and consistently named one of the top independently-owned bookstores in the Bay Area and beyond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marin County Board of Supervisors wishes to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of the founding of this local treasure that has been consistently noted for the discerning quality of its titles, its ongoing support for authors both new and renowned, and its commitment to the greater community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Marin County Board of Supervisors commends and honors Elaine and Bill Petrocelli for their vision of a unique and always inspiring book business - one that has brought the world to Marin County as well as Marin County to the world.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 4th day of October 2016.

STEVE KINSEY – SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 4 - PRESIDENT



KATHRIN SEARS – SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 3