RESOLUTION

OF

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MARIN COUNTY

COMMENDING

MARIN THEATRE COMPANY

ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, Marin Theatre Company is celebrating its 50th Anniversary on March 18, 2017! Marin Theatre Company started in Mill Valley in 1967 as a small community theatre. Today it is the leading mid-sized professional theatre in the San Francisco Bay Area and one of only four Bay Area theatres that is a member of the national League of Regional Theatres (LORT); and

WHEREAS, Marin Theatre began performing in borrowed space in the Mill Valley Golf Clubhouse and today owns its own facility, with a 231 seat main stage theatre and a 99 seat black box theatre where it produces six main stage plays and a series of professionally produced Theatre for Young Audience plays each year attended by over 35,000 patrons; and

WHEREAS, Marin Theatre Company is committed to producing plays of the highest quality with a focus on developing and presenting new plays for the American stage. It seeks to create intimate and powerful experiences for its audiences, and to encourage reflection and conversation about our shared lives and society; and

WHEREAS, Marin Theatre Company is committed to diversity, equity and inclusion, on stage in the plays and playwrights it presents, in the actors and other professional theatre artists it employs, in the professional staff and Board of the theatre, and in the audiences it seeks to attract. Quality drama offers playgoers the opportunity to identify with characters and situations that initially appear to be "other" and to value, rather than fear, the variety of human experience; and

WHEREAS, Marin Theatre Company is committed to discovering important new work for the American Theatre and to supporting young playwrights from diverse backgrounds through its two national play prizes, the David Calicchio Emerging American Playwright prize and the Sky Cooper New American Play Prize, for which Marin Theatre receives over 900 submissions each year. Marin Theatre Company also underwrites a year-round New Play program featuring playwriting commissions, play development workshops, staged readings of new plays, and playwright residencies; and

WHEREAS, the originality and quality of Marin Theatre Company work has been recognized twice nationally with the prestigious Harold and Mimi Steinberg/American Theatre Critics Association New Play Award for Bill Cain’s 9 Circles (2012) and Lauren Gunderson’s I and You (2014); and twice locally with the Bay Area theatre “Best Production” award for Whipping Man (2013) and Fences (2014). Marin Theatre Company is particularly proud that three young playwrights whose work it produced went on to receive McArthur Foundation “genius” grants; and

WHEREAS, Marin Theatre Company believes strongly that education and the arts inspire and reinforce one another. Marin Theatre Company provides education in school and in the theatre to more than 12,000 Marin County students each year through classes, performance summer camps, student matinees of each main stage production, and residencies that integrate theatre into the core curriculum, including daily instruction at MLK Academy in Marin City and Davidson Middle School in San Rafael; an extensive touring program that reaches schools, community centers, juvenile halls and every library in Southern Marin each year, a high school play writing competition, and an internship program for recent theatre arts college graduates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marin County Board of Supervisors does hereby commend Marin Theatre Company for the quality of its arts and education programs, and for employing the transformative power of dramatic art to enrich individual lives and to promote empathy and respect for diversity in our community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 14th day of March, 2017.

JUDY ARNOLD – SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 5 • PRESIDENT

KATHY SEARS – SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 3

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