



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING

# *Silicon Valley African Film Festival*

## *On its 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Film Festival*

**WHEREAS**, the Silicon Valley African Film Festival, held October 9-12, 2025, celebrates African culture, storytelling, and creativity, connecting communities, culture, and continents; and

**WHEREAS**, this festival has, for 16 years, stood as a premier cultural event in the Bay Area, committed to broadening understanding and providing education of Africa and the African Diaspora through the art of film; and

**WHEREAS**, aptly themed “*Africa Through the African Lens*,” the Festival shines a light on the richness and complexity of the African continent, celebrating both acclaimed and emerging filmmakers who bring authentic voices and diverse perspectives to the screen; and

**WHEREAS**, through its carefully curated films, the Silicon Valley African Film Festival offers audiences an unparalleled opportunity to experience the vibrancy of African storytelling, stories that reveal joy, resilience, struggle, and triumphs of communities across Africa and the African Diaspora; and

**WHEREAS**, beyond screenings, the Silicon Valley African Film Festival fosters dialogue and understanding through school and community outreach programs, panel discussions, and post-film conversations that allow audiences to engage directly with filmmakers on issues of personal, local, and global significance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Festival serves as a bridge for cultural exchange, cultivating collaboration between American and African creatives, inspiring the next generation of artists, and strengthening the creative industries that fuel innovation across borders; and

**WHEREAS**, the festival also serves as a vital cultural anchor for the African Diaspora community living in San Mateo County, providing a space to celebrate identity, connect across generations, and affirm their essential contributions to the fabric of our County; and

**WHEREAS**, the spirit of the Silicon Valley African Film Festival resonates deeply in San Mateo County, where diversity is a source of strength, and where values of fairness, belonging, and cultural exchange enrich our communities and connect us to the global stage; and

**WHEREAS**, the Silicon Valley African Film Festival exemplifies how storytelling has the power to transcend boundaries, county lines, state borders, and oceans, to foster empathy, build community, and affirm our shared humanity.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby recognizes and celebrates the Opening Day of the 16th Annual Silicon Valley African Film Festival, honoring its founders, artists, and community partners for their ongoing contributions to cultural literacy, cross-cultural dialogue, and the celebration of Africa’s creative spirit in our region and beyond.

*Dated: October 10, 2025*

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