

RESOLUTION

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

Manūfou Liaiga-Anoa'i

WHEREAS, Manūfou Liaiga-Anoa'i has dedicated herself to public service, currently serving as a Trustee of the Jefferson Elementary School District (JESD) Governing Board, representing Daly City and the wider San Mateo County area. As the first Samoan Pacific Islander to hold this position, she has contributed 10 years of service, including roles as Past President, Vice President, and Clerk; and

WHEREAS, throughout her distinguished career, Ms. Liaiga-Anoa'i has become a pioneering figure and a source of inspiration, recognized as one of only five Pacific Islanders elected to office in California; her community service spans 42 years, beginning as an intern at 13 and progressing through numerous trailblazing positions; and

WHEREAS, in her role as a JESD Trustee, Ms. Liaiga-Anoa'i has achieved numerous significant milestones, including spearheading the JESD Workforce Housing Development, co-founding the Youth Empowerment, Entrepreneurship, Employment (YEEE) Program with fellow trustees, authoring San Mateo County's only Climate Justice Resolution from a school district, and introducing the Youth Cinema Project to JESD; and

WHEREAS, beyond her dedication to JESD, Ms. Liaiga-Anoa'i has contributed extensively to her community, having served on the San Mateo County First 5 Commission, the Arts & Culture Commission, the Junipero Serra High School Board of Regents, and as Co-Chair of the California State Superintendent's Closing the Gap Achievement Initiative, among many other roles; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Liaiga-Anoa'i's advocacy efforts have made an enduring impact, from organizing civic leadership pathways that have fostered 27 Pacific Islander candidates across the country, to mobilizing the community to address discriminatory school policies, advocating for educational curriculum improvements, and co-leading Indigenous rights movements; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Liaiga-Anoa'i's dedication has been celebrated through multiple recognitions, including her recent induction into the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame, the California AAPI Civil Rights Leader of Excellence award, and the New American Leaders Hero Award in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, outside her professional accomplishments, Ms. Liaiga-Anoa'i has exemplified resilience as an Ovarian Cancer Survivor, a health advocate, and a warrior currently battling Lupus, while also contributing to her family and community as a Samoan High Chief, mother of six, and active supporter of her husband's church and community roles;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County hereby recognizes and congratulates Manūfou Liaiga-Anoa'i with this Honorary Resolution for her profound impact on education, community advocacy, and Pacific Islander representation, for her dedication to fostering equity and opportunity for all, and for her enduring spirit and contributions to the people of San Mateo County and beyond.

Dated: November 19, 2024

SUPERVISORS:

WARREN SLOCUM, PRESIDENT

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Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors