



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

Loretta Devine

WHEREAS, Loretta Devine is an Emmy Award-winning actress whose extraordinary career has spanned more than four decades across film, television, and theater, earning her recognition as one of the entertainment industry’s most respected and beloved performers; and

WHEREAS, as an original cast member of the groundbreaking Broadway musical Dreamgirls and a Tony Award nominee, **Loretta Devine** helped create an enduring theatrical legacy and inspire generations of artists and performers; and

WHEREAS, her acclaimed body of work includes memorable performances in Waiting to Exhale, The Preacher’s Wife, For Colored Girls, Crash, and This Christmas, as well as celebrated television roles in Grey’s Anatomy, Boston Public, The Carmichael Show, P-Valley, and numerous other productions; and

WHEREAS, throughout her distinguished career, **Loretta Devine** has brought warmth, humor, emotional depth, authenticity, and humanity to her performances while expanding representation and inspiring future generations of artists and storytellers, while uplifting Black artists and creative voices; and

WHEREAS, Loretta Devine was honored as the 2026 BraveMaker Legend Award recipient during the 8th Annual BraveMaker Film Festival in Redwood City, recognizing her remarkable achievements and lasting contributions to film, television, theater, and the arts; and

WHEREAS, Loretta Devine’s exceptional talent, perseverance, and commitment to storytelling embody BraveMaker’s mission to educate, entertain, elevate diverse voices, and create community through the transformative power of film.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby congratulates Emmy Award-winning actress **Loretta Devine** upon receiving the 2026 BraveMaker Legend Award and celebrates her extraordinary career, artistic excellence, cultural impact, and enduring legacy as a trailblazer and inspiration to audiences and artists around the world.

Date: July 10, 2026

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