

RESOLUTION

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

San Carlos Chickens’ Ball

WHEREAS, the original **Chickens’ Ball** began prior to 1900 on San Francisco’s Barbary Coast, being staged annually in various saloons by women and men of ill repute to raise money for local charities; and

WHEREAS, the **Chickens’ Ball** name relates to Barbary Coast performing ladies who wore glittery costumes of feathers and sequins, not to poultry; and

WHEREAS, in 1939 in the city of San Carlos, Central School teacher Howard J. Demeke suggested the PTA hold their own **Chickens’ Ball** as a fundraiser and in 1940, the turn-of-the-century Barbary Coast-themed **Chickens’ Ball** was reborn as a San Carlos one-night, sold-out school event, beginning what is now the longest running PTA fundraiser, continuing for 78 years; and

WHEREAS, since 1940 the **San Carlos Chickens’ Ball** has raised more than \$300,000 for San Carlos schools to finance such worthwhile projects as purchasing library books, Art-in-Action lessons, chorus, drama and music programs; and

WHEREAS, the **Chickens’ Ball** original variety show is held every two years in Mustang Hall at Central Middle School featuring more than 200 community volunteers performing a wide variety of Barbary Coast-inspired skits, with the 2018 edition called “**Time Stands Still: A Review of Broadway Here and There**”;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County does hereby recognize the historic and civic contributions of the **Chickens’ Ball** to the schools of San Carlos and urges everyone to attend the **2018 Chickens’ Ball** during its run in April 2018.

Dated: February 27, 2018

SUPERVISORS:

DAVE PINE, PRESIDENT

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Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors