RESOLUTION NO. <u>2017-0017</u>

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
CONGRATULATING LEND A HEART ANIMAL-ASSISTED
THERAPY, INC. ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, on the 4th day of March, 2017, LEND A HEART ANIMAL-ASSISTED THERAPY, INC. will celebrate its 30TH ANNIVERSARY of providing animal-assisted services and programs to people of all ages in our com-munity; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, LEND A HEART ANIMAL-ASSISTED THERAPY, INC. was established as a result of the efforts of several local dog club members who organized around the mission of affording fellow Sacramentans an opportunity to benefit from engaging with well-trained animals in comfortable and therapeutic settings; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, LEND A HEART ANIMAL-ASSISTED THERAPY, INC. has grown from a small group of folks and their animals visiting a handful of facilities to now, more than 150 teams making regular visits to seniors and others residing in assisted living and memory care facilities, as well as bringing comfort to those in shelters, rehabilitation programs, and mental health and disability facilities; and

WHEREAS, LEND A HEART ANIMAL-ASSISTED THERAPY, INC. also brings animals to serve as a reading audience for children at libraries and elementary schools and offers stress relief during testing time for students at high school and college campuses. Program volunteers also provide encouragement and support to veterans at the Mather Veterans Hospital in Rancho Cordova; and

WHEREAS, in addition, LEND A HEART ANIMAL-ASSISTED THERAPY, INC. proudly serves in the role as Sacramento International Airport's Boarding Area Relaxation Corps, where they help welcome and calm airport travelers and visitors. The LEND A HEART ANIMAL-ASSISTED THERAPY, INC.'s Emergency Response Team

works directly with the American Red Cross in serving victims and emergency response personnel in a variety of circumstances, including natural and man-made disaster events; and

WHEREAS, to its great credit, LEND A HEART ANIMAL-ASSISTED THERAPY, INC. is made up of a group of dedicated volunteers who bring care, concern and comfort through certified handlers and animals to thousands of people. LEND A HEART ANIMAL-ASSISTED THERAPY, INC.'s goal is to improve the overall well-being of those they serve -- ensuring that whomever they encounter is treated with the utmost respect, dignity and sensitivity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors, County of Sacramento, State of California, hereby extends a hearty congratulations to the volunteers, both people and animals, who as members of LEND A HEART ANIMAL-ASSISTED THERAPY, INC. continue to provide animal-assisted therapy services to people from all walks of life regardless of age, status, or mental and physical capacity.

AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board on this special occasion, the 30TH ANNIVERSARY of the founding of LEND A HEART ANIMAL-ASSISTED THERAPY, INC., does hereby express its thanks and appreciation to LEND A HEART ANIMAL-ASSISTED THERAPY, INC. for all its good work and offers very best wishes to LEND A HEART ANIMAL-ASSISTED THERAPY, INC. for every success in its efforts to improve and better the lives of people they serve throughout the Sacramento community and beyond.

On a motion by Supervisor Peters, seconded by Supervisor Serna, the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors, County of Sacramento, State of California, this 10th day of January, 2017, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES: Supervisors Frost, Kennedy, Peters, Serna, Nottoli

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN:None

RECUSAL:None
(PER POLITICAL REFORM ACT (§ 18702.5)

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Chairman, Board of Supervisors
County of Sacramento

ATTEST:

In accordance with Section 25103 of the Government Code of the State of California a copy of the document has been delivered to the Chair of the Board of Supervisors, County of Sacramento on 1·10·17

By: _S.Studduct._
Deputy Clerk, Board of Supervisors

Clerk of the Board

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