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### PHILANTHROPY DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Philanthropic organizations are responsible for enhancing the quality of life of people; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the role played by the uniquely American tradition of Philanthropy, the United States Congress has designated November 15, 2016 as National Philanthropy Day; and

WHEREAS, voluntary associations formed to address societal needs are an integral part of American society; and

WHEREAS, the history of American philanthropy is filled with the names of prominent citizens, and their efforts spawned universities, free public libraries, homes for widows and orphans, and volunteer fire departments, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, in year 2015, Americans contributed approximately 373 billion dollars to over one million non-profit organizations registered with the Internal Revenue Service; and

WHEREAS, today the non-profit sector affects nearly every citizen in one way or another. They include the religious organizations, the museums and concerts our children attend on school sponsored day trips, the little leagues, and 4-H clubs that enrich their youth, the social service agencies that provide food, clothing, housing and training that help the indigent; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BENITO, does hereby proclaim November 15, 2016 to be PHILANTHROPY DAY IN SAN BENITO COUNTY, and urge all of the residents of San Benito County to recognize the tradition of American philanthropy as it continues to improve and enhance the lives of all by promoting the common good.

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2016.

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Robert Rivas, Chair  
San Benito County Board of Supervisors