

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: F.C. "Rocky" Rockholm, Supervisor, District 1
Mike Boyle, Assistant County Executive Officer

DATE: March 24, 2009

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION – Approve a Resolution honoring the City of Roseville for its Centennial Anniversary.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a Resolution honoring the City of Roseville for its Centennial Anniversary.

BACKGROUND

The City of Roseville was originally a small agricultural community that grew out of the development of the railroad industry. Roseville was first called the town of "Junction" as a result of it being located where the Central Pacific Railroad and the California Central Railroad crossed. The residents of Roseville first voted to incorporate the town of Roseville on April 2, 1909. Subsequently, they held their first "Board of Trustees" meeting on April 10, 1909. In 1935, the residents voted to become a "Charter City", which gave residents the ability to change how their city was governed and in 1955, the charter was changed to create their current form of leadership with a City Council and City Manager.

The City of Roseville is rich with historical significance for Placer County that dates back to when the indigenous native Maidu tribe first inhabited the Roseville area. Roseville has grown to be an innovative, self-sufficient city with significant influence in Placer County. This Resolution is in honor of Roseville celebrating their Centennial anniversary in April, 2009.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

**In the Matter of a Resolution honoring
the City of Roseville for its Centennial
Anniversary.**

Resolution No. 2009-

Whereas, the City of Roseville is rich with historical significance for Placer County; and

Whereas, the onset of the railroad industry sparked the development of Roseville. On April 6, 1864 the historic wood-burning locomotive, "Governor Stanford", made its 18 mile pioneer run of what would become the nation's first transcontinental railroad line from Sacramento to the town of "Junction" where the Central Pacific Railroad and the California Central Railroad crossed. This town of "Junction" later became know as "Roseville"; and

Whereas, Roseville's first schoolhouse, organized in 1865, was housed on the Dudley ranch near Dry Creek with a hand full of students attending. Under the existing state law when an area had fifteen children, a school district could be formed; so on May 3, 1869, the Roseville School District was created. Today, combining the latest technology, college preparation and high academic standards, Roseville Joint Union High School District (RJUHSD) is know for being one of the most progressive districts in California. In May, 1996, RJUHSD was one of 71 districts nationwide to be awarded the title of "Model School District" by the International Center for Leadership in Education; and

Whereas, in the early part of 1906, Roseville was chosen as the location for Southern Pacific's freight station expansion program which resulted in it becoming the most important freight handling terminal on the Pacific Coast; and

Whereas, with the boom of growth, on April 2, 1909, a "Petition to Incorporate the Town of Roseville" was voted on and approved at the polls by the people of Roseville with 241 votes in favor of incorporation and 59 opposed. William Sawtelle, R.F. Theile, William Haman, Dr. Bradford Woodbridge and R.H. Wells were elected as the City's first trustees and the first, "Board of Trustees", as the City Council was called then, was held on April 10, 1909 where William Sawtelle was appointed as the Chairman, thus making him Roseville's first mayor; and

Whereas, in the coming years, Roseville grew and developed by leaps and bounds and by 1927, due to the growth in California's agriculture industry, California was being looked upon as a prime supplier of the nation's food with the railroad system being the primary mode of transportation and putting Roseville in the center of activity. To facilitate safe transportation of the food, Roseville became home to the Pacific Fruit Express icing plant, the largest ice plant in the world for it's time; and

Whereas, in the wake of economic growth came the need for local government reform and in 1935, Roseville residents voted to permit the community to become a "Charter city"; which gave residents the ability to change how their city was governed. As a result of their pro-active governing measures, Roseville was looked upon up and down the state as the epitome of city efficiency during rough economic times between 1935 and 1948; and

Whereas; in 1955 voters again approved a change in the city charter which provided for a city manger-council form of government allowing the council to establish city policies and appoint the city manager who would oversee daily operation of the various municipal departments. David Koester was subsequently appointed as Roseville's first City Manager; and

Whereas; in 1964, Roseville was selected as one of Look Magazine's "All America Cities." Roseville was selected based on its use of revenue bonds to finance community projects such as the establishment of a Little League Ball Park, Little Theater, community recreation building, community swimming pool and a new fire station, all quite innovative for their time; and

Whereas, in honor of the indigenous native Maidu tribe that first inhabited the Roseville area, the Maidu Historic Site, established in Roseville, was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in January 1973 as the Strap Ravine Nisenan Maidu Historic Site; Petro glyphs of ceremonial markings can still be seen on the large boulders found in the Maidu Historic Site; and

Whereas, Roseville has continued to annex property throughout the years to accommodate the increased population and economic growth in the area, changing the landscape from a small, rural, railroad based bedroom community to a fully self-sufficient urbanized city. In doing so, Roseville has received many awards over the years for their innovative ideas including being honored with the prestigious "Bike Friendly Community Award" for having over 83 miles of on-street bike lanes and 27 miles of off-street bike paths and receiving the "Governor's Trophy Award" for the best depiction of life in California during the 2009 Rose Parade®.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That the Placer County Board of Supervisors do hereby congratulate the City of Roseville in celebrating their Centennial anniversary and wishes them good will and prosperity in the coming years.

F.C. Rockholm, Supervisor District 1
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