

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION HONORING LÉNI FÉ BLAND A 2013 LEGAL AID RICHARD GOLDMAN HEROES FOR JUSTICE RECIPIENT

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WHEREAS, Léni Fé Bland has been honored as a Richard Goldman Hero for Justice in recognition of her commitment to ensuring justice for all individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County strives to ensure that low income persons, those with disabilities, and seniors have access to the civil justice system and established the Richard Goldman Heroes for Justice Award in recognition of the enduring contribution of the late Richard Goldman to "justice for all"; and

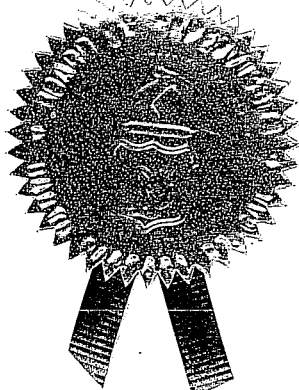
WHEREAS, in 1992, Léni Fé Bland established The Léni Fé Bland Foundation which has distributed over 1,200 scholarships to talented musicians totaling close to \$1.5 million. Her generosity has enabled many of these musicians to pursue their dreams and play for major orchestras in the United States and international ; and

WHEREAS, Léni Fé Bland has greatly contributed to a number of local community organizations and civic project including, the Granada Restoration Project, CAMA, Santa Barbara Symphony, Music Academy of the West, Transition House, Ensemble Theatre, Santa Barbara Rescue Mission, Santa Barbara Center for the Performing Arts, and she was a founding member of the State Street Ballet. She has also supported Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics, American Red Cross, Cottage Hospital, Visiting Nurses and Hospice Care, has been a patron of the Santa Barbara Choral Society, and lent her support to the construction of the Fé Bland Forum at Santa Barbara City College. In 1997, Ms. Fé Bland was named the Santa Barbara/Ventura Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals Philanthropist of the Year. She was also named the Santa Barbara Foundation's Woman of the Year in 2005 and the Santa Barbara Distinguished Citizen of the Year in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Léni Fé Bland is a generous benefactor to the Santa Barbara Rescue Mission, frequently purchasing theatre and ballet tickets for its residents. Through her efforts, she was able to attract over 800 private donations totaling over \$1.25 million dollars needed to double the capacity of the formerly overcrowded women's facility and establish a separate women's residential drug and alcohol recovery facility. In May 2005, the Santa Barbara Rescue Mission Bethel House facility was dedicated in her honor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors Léni Fé Bland upon being honored as a recipient of the Richard Goldman Heroes for Justice Award and further commends her for his commitment and dedication in assisting our most vulnerable populations.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 14th day of May, 2013 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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