

WHEREAS, The Mental Health Advocacy Project was established in 1978 to empower people identified as mentally or developmentally disabled to live more independent, secure, and satisfying lives through the enforcement of their legal rights and the advancement of their social and economic well-being; and

WHEREAS, The Mental Health Advocacy Project provides specialized legal services for individuals identified as having mental or developmental disabilities, in the areas of economic, housing, developmental services, and patients' rights; and

WHEREAS, The Mental Health Advocacy Project monitors mental health services and institutions for compliance with state law and provides educational training for mental health providers and other community organizations; and

WHEREAS, The Mental Health Advocacy Project is a service program within The Law Foundation of Silicon Valley. The Law Foundation of Silicon Valley provides access to the legal system for thousands annually who would otherwise be unrepresented or underrepresented throughout Silicon Valley; and

WHEREAS, The Mental Health Advocacy Project has provided direct and legal advocacy assistance to over 4000 clients through the work of advocates and attorneys in four practice units over the past year; and

WHEREAS, The Mental Health Advocacy Project will be celebrating 25 years of service to the community on Friday, September 26, 2003;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, State of California does hereby honor and commend the

Mental Health Advocacy Project

PASSED AND ADOPTED this Seventh Day of October Two Thousand and Three by unanimous vote.

Blanca Alvarado, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Donald F.
Gage
Pete McHugh
Supervisor, District
One
Supervisor, District Three

James T. Beall,
Jr.

WHEREAS, be it known that after xxxxx years of service to people of the County of Santa Clara, XXXXXX XXXXXXXXX retired on xxxxx; and

Liz Kniss
Supervisor, District

Four
Supervisor, District Five

Attest: Phyllis Perez
Clerk, Board of Supervisors