

WHEREAS, The YMCA of the Mid-Peninsula, a non-profit, non-sectarian organization, is being honored by the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce with the 2003 Tall Tree Award as the Outstanding Organization; and

WHEREAS, The YMCA movement was founded in England in 1844, and a Palo Alto branch of the YMCA was established in 1893, on the corner of Forest and Cowper Street. Since 1957, the YMCA calls Ross Road home and provides nationally acclaimed recreation and social programs to more than 40,000 local adults, teens, children and seniors; and

WHEREAS, Since its founding in 1893, the YMCA of the Mid-Peninsula is governed by community volunteers who serve on its Board of Directors and the YMCA has consistently been an integral partner in, and contributor to, the growth and development of Palo Alto and the Mid-Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, The YMCA is in tune with the changing needs of the diverse community it serves. Through strategic partnerships with local schools, companies, agencies and municipalities, the YMCA provides innovative programs that address the needs of the local area; and

WHEREAS, YMCA programs are values-driven, rather than focusing on competition. YMCA programming develops personal character by teaching and demonstrating the YMCA's four core values: Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility. Leadership, teamwork, helping others, and the importance of doing one's best, are stressed in all of the YMCA's programs;

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

YMCA OF THE MID-PENINSULA

for their outstanding service and dedication to the community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this Twenty-fifth Day of March, Two Thousand and Three by unanimous vote.