

**WHEREAS,** Some 30 children die every year due to accidental poisonings, and approximately 1 million phone calls are placed to Poison Control Centers annually by adults seeking help when children have swallowed something harmful; and

**WHEREAS,** Many poisonings happen while adults are distracted only for a few moments by a doorbell, telephone, or something else, but it only takes a few moments for a small child to grab and swallow something that is potentially poisonous; and

**WHEREAS,** In order to prevent poisonings, adults should make sure that household chemicals and medicines are stored away from children at all times; and

**WHEREAS,** Child-resistant packaging, if used properly, provides an additional barrier to help prevent ingestion of hazardous materials, and deaths from all household chemicals and medicines, though still high, have decreased since it was introduced in 1972; and

**WHEREAS,** 52% of all poison exposures occur in children under six; and

**WHEREAS,** Since 1961, Congress has authorized the president to proclaim the third week in March "National Poison Prevention Week";

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, State of California does hereby proclaim the third week of March, 2004 as

## **POISON PREVENTION WEEK**

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this Sixteenth Day of March, Two Thousand and Four by unanimous vote.

Pete McHugh, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors

Donald F. Gage  
Supervisor, District One

Blanca Alvarado  
Supervisor, District Two

James T. Beall, Jr.  
Supervisor, District Four

Liz Kniss

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

Supervisor, District Five

Attest: Phyllis Perez  
Clerk, Board of Supervisors