

WHEREAS, Communities across the country are struggling with widespread disparities in all aspects of health care; and

WHEREAS, Healthcare disparities include, but are not limited to, ethnic and racial, sexual orientation, gender, geographic, health literacy, and workforce diversity in the healthcare system; and

WHEREAS, Compared to the white population, ethnic and racial minorities have a higher incidence of diabetes, infant mortality, HIV/AIDS, breast/cervical cancer, and cardiovascular disease; and

WHEREAS, These disparities have persisted for years despite major advances in public health, biotechnology, and the overall improvement of the health status of the American population over the last century; and

WHEREAS, The roots of these disparities are complex, being based in inequities, and involving many participants, particularly in the health care system; and

WHEREAS, The elimination of health disparities is a national goal to achieve by the year 2010;

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

PUBLIC HEALTH 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
Supervisor, District Five

Attest: Phyllis Perez

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

Clerk, Board of Supervisors