

WHEREAS, the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) will celebrate its 40th Anniversary in December 2005; and

WHEREAS, the CNPS is a state-wide non-profit organization formed in 1965 in the East Bay and is dedicated to the preservation of the California native flora in its native habitat; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara Valley Chapter of the CNPS was founded in 1972, meeting a growing need for action concerning the native flora of Santa Mateo and Santa Clara counties; and

WHEREAS, the CNPS provided an opportunity to share ideas, plants, seeds, and knowledge, and take special field trips. Projects include creation and maintenance of special gardens, and plant propagation for sales; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara Valley Chapter of CNPS is a signatory on Memorandums of Understanding with both the San Mateo and Santa Clara Weed Management Areas (WMAs) in county-wide fights against invasive plants; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara Valley Chapter of CNPS has been involved in many efforts to preserve wild lands and rare plant communities on the Peninsula and the South Bay over the last thirty years, including the successful protection of Edgewood County Park and Coyote Ridge; and

WHEREAS, the group is dedicated to education and promotion of the use of natives for landscaping and gardening.

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

CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

in honor of its 40th Anniversary.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this Thirteenth Day of December, Two Thousand Five by unanimous vote.

Liz Kniss, Chair
Board of Supervisors

Donald F. Gage
Supervisor, District One

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Supervisor, District Two

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Supervisor, District Three

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Attest: Phyllis Perez
Clerk, Board of Supervisors