

WHEREAS, America’s grandparents are being called upon more and more to raise their grandchildren and most accept this responsibility without hesitation; and

WHEREAS, according to Census 2000, over 4.5 million children live in households headed by a grandparent; and

WHEREAS, 87.9% of Santa Clara County grandparents with the parenting responsibility for their grandchildren are women; and

WHEREAS, 57% of grandmothers who are raising their grandchildren have incomes below the poverty level; and

WHEREAS, grandmothers play an important role not only in the lives of their grandchildren but also in the community by providing an alternative to foster care and by keeping brothers and sisters together; and

WHEREAS, Building Peaceful Families is a Silicon Valley nonprofit organization dedicated to building peaceful families through family violence prevention programs and celebrating the value of positive parenting; and

WHEREAS, Building Peaceful Families will host the first annual “Celebrating Grandmothers Recognition Luncheon” on May 6, 2005 to recognize and honor the important role that grandmothers play in raising their grandchildren.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, State of California does recognize **Building Peaceful Families** for

CELEBRATING GRANDMOTHERS

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this Third Day of May, Two Thousand Five by unanimous vote.

Liz Kniss, Chair
Board of Supervisors

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Attest: Phyllis Perez
Clerk, Board of Supervisors