

WHEREAS, Rabbi Sheldon Lewis, Rabbi at the Congregation Kol Emeth in Palo Alto for the past 32 years, is known as a staunch advocate of human rights and social justice and has worked toward fostering interfaith and intergroup relations for many years; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Sheldon Lewis is an outstanding leader in the community, active in civil rights movements, the anti-war and peace causes since the Viet Nam era as well as organizing local interfaith efforts to bring awareness to and advocate for the plight of persecuted Soviet Jews; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Sheldon Lewis co-spearheaded the first “Freedom Seder” to bring the local African-American and Jewish Communities together to promote mutual knowledge and understanding; and

WHEREAS, Rabbi Sheldon Lewis has an abiding interest in reconciliation efforts in the Middle East as a member of the Rabbis for Human Rights and is a supporter of the Open House of Ramle and the Al Amal School near Bethlehem and is a board member of the Compassionate Listening Project.

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

RABBI SHELDON LEWIS

for his over three decades of cultivating healthy relationships, healing polarization, and building bridges between people, communities and nations in conflict.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this Eleventh Day of April, Two Thousand and Six by unanimous vote.

James T. Beall, Jr., Chair
Board of Supervisors

Donald F. Gage
Supervisor, District One

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Supervisor, District Three

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Attest: Phyllis A. Perez
Clerk, Board of Supervisors