

## **Resolution of Commendation**

**WHEREAS**, Caroline “Carol” Van Cleave is retiring after 15 years of dedicated service in unwavering commitment and support to the Nursing Department and Santa Clara Valley Medical Center (SCVMC); and

**WHEREAS**, Carol Van Cleave began her career with SCVMC as a Clinical Nurse II in the Operating Room on July 10, 1989; and

**WHEREAS**, Carol Van Cleave quickly became a highly skilled and knowledgeable perioperative nurse, specializing in Orthopedic Surgery; and

**WHEREAS**, Carol Van Cleave was promoted to the position of Operating Room Nurse Manager in 1997 and became the Operating Room Services Nurse Manager in 1998; and

**WHEREAS**, Carol Van Cleaves’ responsibilities as Nurse Manager of Operating Room Services have included management and leadership of the Operating Room, Ambulatory Surgery Unit, Post-Anesthesia Care Unit, and the Urodynamics and Endoscopy clinics; and

**WHEREAS**, Carol Van Cleave participated in creating and implementing a new vision for Operating Room Services during reengineering, by providing excellent leadership skills and courage; and

**WHEREAS**, Carol Van Cleave has shown her commitment to the nursing profession by presenting posters at both the Nursing Management and Association of Operating Room Nurses congresses and sharing innovative programs that she cultivated at SCVMC through publication in the Association of Operating Room Nurses Journal; and

**WHEREAS**, Carol Van Cleave has consistently demonstrated the SCVMC values statements, “Patients are the Priority” and “One Team Working Together”; and

**WHEREAS**, Carol Van Cleave has “walked the walk” as a nurse manager at SCVMC and “danced the dance” at many a line dancing function; and

**WHEREAS**, Carol Van Cleave has provided capable, logical leadership, has been able to calculate and critically think through processes, and has shown that she has the true heart of a caregiver that embodies what a nurse should be; and

**WHEREAS**, Carol Van Cleave has provided her staff with a solid foundation wherein she recognizes the inherent value of nursing and encourages and supports her staff to embrace their own professional worth, and

**WHEREAS**, Carol Van Cleave has shown tenderness and empathy to patients, families, staff and physicians of SCVMC by supporting and comforting them through tough situations with grace and compassion; and

**WHEREAS**, Carol Van Cleave has left behind a legacy of patient safety, has improved the quality of patient care in a dynamic and ever-changing environment and has always realized that patients rely on the skills, knowledge, expertise, and teamwork of the entire healthcare team.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara does hereby commend

**CAROLINE VAN CLEAVE**

for her fifteen years of outstanding service and steadfast dedication to the County of Santa Clara and Santa Clara Valley Medical Center.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED**, this Twenty-second Day of June, Two Thousand and Four by unanimous vote.

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Pete McHugh  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

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Donald F. Gage  
Supervisor, District One

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James T. Beall, Jr.  
Supervisor, District Four

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Blanca Alvarado  
Supervisor, District Two

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Liz Kniss  
Supervisor, District Five

Approved as to Form and Legality:

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