

**WHEREAS,** twenty years ago, leaders in our community created the Valley Medical Center (VMC) Foundation to insure that Santa Clara Valley Medical Center would have the support needed to provide medical care for everyone in the community; and

**WHEREAS,** one in four people in Santa Clara County depend on Santa Clara Valley Medical Center for their health care, with its 100% “Open Door” policy, care regardless of ability to pay; and

**WHEREAS,** the VMC Foundation has raised over \$25 million since its inception to enhance the services of the medical center; and

**WHEREAS,** Valley Medical Center, with outstanding specialty services, is the busiest hospital in the county, providing over 700,000 outpatient and emergency visits annually, and serving over 25,000 hospitalized patients each year; and

**WHEREAS,** the VMC Foundation expands, enhances and improves existing services in areas of the hospital that are under-funded; the results of VMC Foundation’s efforts can be found in the pediatric patio and playground, specialized beds for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, independence plaza for spinal cord injuries, Emergency Department equipment enabling VMC to become a Stroke Center, Parisi House on the Hill for women turning their lives around, Sobrato Cancer Center, and VMC’s quest to reach Magnet Status and implement cutting-edge prescription drug administration technologies;

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

## *VMC Foundation*

Board of Directors, the devoted staff of the Foundation, and to all those in the community who support the mission of the Santa Clara Valley Health and Hospital System, believing that health care is a basic human right for everyone.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this Twenty Sixth Day of August, Two Thousand Eight by unanimous vote.

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Pete McHugh, Chair  
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Attest: Phyllis A. Perez  
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