

WHEREAS, West Valley Community Services (WVCS), previously known as Cupertino Community Services, is celebrating its 35th Anniversary of delivering outstanding direct assistance, family services, housing services, and appropriate referrals to those in need in the communities of Cupertino, West San Jose, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, and Saratoga; and

WHEREAS, WVCS is a private non-profit, community-based agency founded in 1973, and under the inspiring leadership of Executive Director Naomi Nakano-Matsumoto, a devoted staff and dedicated donors and volunteers, meets the needs of its clients through a variety of services, including emergency cash and financial management, resources for families raising children, those struggling with homelessness, abuse, and the many challenged by the high cost of living in the Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, WVCS addresses its mission “to encourage the sharing of community resources” especially through its Family Assistance and Housing Programs in a compassionate and professional manner, and with the help of staff and many volunteers, individuals and families are allowed the opportunity to stabilize a critical situation, re-establish permanent housing, employment, health, and/or address other social service needs; and

WHEREAS, WVCS’s Family Assistance Program includes the Food Pantry, supplied by the Second Harvest Food Bank and community businesses and donations, which bags and distributes food, or makes available on-site fresh food, staples, and special needs foods for families and individuals, and the Emergency Cash Assistance Fund which administers funds from various agencies for one-time financial assistance to people with housing, utility, health and transportation needs; and

WHEREAS, WVCS’s Family Assistance Program also includes Case Management and Referrals, which works to address and establish stabilization plans, and the Special Events and Programs which offers extracurricular activities and the opportunity for additional help through seasonal baskets, summer camps, back-to-school shopping, and waivers to attend classes offered by Cupertino Parks and Recreation;

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

West Valley Community Services

for 35 years of outstanding programs and services to those in need in the communities of the West Valley region of Santa Clara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this Twelfth Day of February, Two Thousand Eight by unanimous vote.

Pete McHugh, Chair
Board of Supervisors

Donald F. Gage
Supervisor, District One

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Supervisor, District Two

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Supervisor, District Four

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Supervisor, District Five

Attest: Phyllis A. Perez
Clerk, Board of Supervisors