PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

WHEREAS, we understand and recognize that racial divisions exist in our country and we must work earnestly to heal the impact of racism and discrimination to build an equitable and just society so that all can thrive;

WHEREAS, our community stands together to honor the wholeness, resiliency, and potential of every individual member of our community to thrive, regardless of their gender, gender identity, immigration status, sexual orientation, marital status, and identity with race, ethnicity, class, ability, age, culture, education, religion and nationality;

WHEREAS, just like those who came before us and the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it is our duty to protect children and ensure healthy families and communities;

WHEREAS, if we all dedicate ourselves to the principles of truth, racial healing and transformation, we can all bring about the necessary changes in thinking and behavior that will propel our community forward as a unified force where racial biases will become eradicated;

WHEREAS, racial healing is a vital and crucial commitment to the education, physical and mental health, social, and over all well-being of all our children;

WHEREAS, children, youth, and families have a right to be provided every opportunity to achieve sustainable, positive life outcomes based on their hopes and aspirations; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Clara, in conjunction with others throughout the United States of America, acknowledges January 21, 2020, as the “National Day of Racial Healing” and believes that all people should have a sense of harmony, inter-connection, and personal well-being with all their relations in their home, employment, and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara does hereby proclaim January 21, 2020 as

NATIONAL DAY OF RACIAL HEALING

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Clara, State of California on this Fourteenth Day of January, Two Thousand and Twenty, by unanimous vote.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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Marcelo Quiñones
Deputy County Counsel