Resolution of the County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors/Board of
Trustees of the Santa Clara County Vector Control District Declaring
April 23, 2007 through April 29, 2007 as
“West Nile Virus and Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week”

WHEREAS, the State Senate and the Mosquito and Vector Control Association of California
has designated the week of April 23 to April 29, 2007, “West Nile Virus and Mosquito and
Vector Control Awareness Week”; and

WHEREAS, “West Nile Virus and Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness Week” will
increase the public’s awareness of the threat of West Nile virus and other vector-borne diseases;
and

WHEREAS, excess numbers of mosquitoes and other vectors spread diseases reduce enjoyment
of outdoor living spaces, both public and private, reduce property values, and hinder outdoor
work; and

WHEREAS, West Nile virus is a serious mosquito-borne disease that can result in debilitating
cases of meningitis and encephalitis, and can lead to the death of humans, horses, avian species,
and other wildlife; and

WHEREAS, in the last 3 years, West Nile virus has affected humans, horses, birds and other
wildlife in Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Health Services and Centers for Disease Control predicts
West Nile virus will again pose a public health threat throughout California in 2007; and

WHEREAS, other vectors, including, but not limited to, ticks, Africanized honey bees, rats,
fleas, and flies, continue to be source of human suffering, illness, death and a public nuisance in
California and around the world; and

WHEREAS, established mosquito-and vector-borne diseases such as plague, Lyme disease, and
mosquito-borne encephalitis, and new and emerging vector-borne diseases, such as Hantavirus,
arenavirus, babesiosis, and ehrlichiosis cause illness and sometimes death every year in
California; and

WHEREAS, public awareness can result in reduced production of mosquitoes and other vectors
and lowered exposure to the bites of mosquitoes and other vectors; and

WHEREAS, awareness of the health benefits associated with safe, professional mosquito and
vector control methods will result in support for these continued efforts, as well as remind and
motivate the public to eliminate mosquito and vector breeding sites on private property;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisor/Board of Trustees of
the Santa Clara County Vector Control District finds, determines and orders that the week of
April 23, 2007 to April 29, 2007 be designated as “West Nile Virus Awareness Week in Santa
Clara County.”

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors/Board of Trustees for the Santa Clara
County Vector Control District on this 24th day of April, 2007 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Donald F. Gage, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors/Board of Trustees
Santa Clara County Vector Control District

ATTEST:

Phylis A. Perez, Clerk
Board of Trustees

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Kathy Kretchmer 4-11-07
Deputy County Counsel