

WHEREAS, Marilyn Orlando Dorsa was born to Mary and Fred Orlando in San Jose, California where she grew up among farm animals, oak trees and orchards, and where she attended Notre Dame High School and studied fine arts at San Jose State University; and

WHEREAS, Marilyn Orlando Dorsa credits her artistic flair and beautiful singing voice to her mother; during her childhood, Marilyn performed in pageants, fairs, on the radio and on a popular, local television show that aired weekly called "Hoffman Hayride"; and

WHEREAS, Marilyn Orlando Dorsa is an award-winning artist who taught painting, life drawing and jewelry design, and developed the concept of specialty retail boutiques that she integrated with her husband's full-service car wash business; and

WHEREAS, Marilyn Orlando Dorsa has participated in numerous charitable organizations and has generously supported the arts in Santa Clara County as president of the San Jose Art League, an advisory board member for Santa Clara University's de Saisset Museum, and a board member for Opera San Jose; and

WHEREAS, Marilyn Orlando Dorsa traces her Italian roots to her four grandparents, and she and her husband of over forty-five years, Frank, have brought "a little part of Italy" to Santa Clara County by transforming some land in the hills above Los Gatos into their "La Rusticana" that includes a farmhouse, a vineyard and olive grove designed in the manner of the Italian hillsides of Tuscany and Umbria; and

WHEREAS, Marilyn Orlando Dorsa also served on the County of Santa Clara/Province of Florence, Italy, Sister-County Commission from April 1995 to August 2008 where she held the leadership positions of Commission Chair and Co-chair of the highly successful 2007 Medici Masked Ball;

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

MARILYN ORLANDO DORSA

for her thirteen years of valuable service to the County of Santa Clara/Province of Florence, Italy, Sister-County Commission.

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

Approved as to Form and Legality


County Counsel

Date 8/20/08

Ratified