WHEREAS, since the Fall of Sai-Gon in 1975, refugees from the Republic of Vietnam who immigrated to the United States of America and settled in Santa Clara County as free Vietnamese people have contributed to the quality of life for our residents in Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, Santa Clara County is home to one of the largest Vietnamese-American populations in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Former Vietnamese Political Prisoners of Northern California was formed with the mission to support the arrival of former Vietnamese political prisoners and their families to the County of Santa Clara. They lead the way in raising international awareness of the continuing struggles of all peoples to ensure human, political, and religious rights; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Former Vietnamese Political Prisoners of Northern California has contributed to the recognition of the Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom Flag in the City of San Jose and the County of Santa Clara; and

WHEREAS, the Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom Flag represents the long history and culture of Vietnam, and many Vietnamese-Americans continue to remember and honor this flag as a symbol of their struggle for freedom, democracy and human rights; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, June 2, 2012, the Association of Former Vietnamese Political Prisoners of Northern California is hosting a Grand Opening for its new location at 111 East Gish Road, San Jose, CA;

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

Association of Former Vietnamese Political Prisoners of Northern California

for continuing to raise the awareness of freedom, democracy, and human rights for Viet Nam.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this Fifth Day of June, Two Thousand and Twelve by unanimous vote.

Mike Wasserman
Supervisor, District One

Approved as to Form and Legality

County Counsel

Date 5-29-12

Liz Kniss
Supervisor, District Five

George Shirakawa
President, Board of Supervisors

Dave Cortese
Supervisor, District Three

Attest: Lynn Regadanz
Interim Clerk, Board of Supervisors

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