WHEREAS, Palestinians trace their roots back to the Canaanites, who inhabited the land west of the Jordan River and the Dead Sea; and

WHEREAS, Palestinians primarily speak Arabic and profess either a Christian or Muslim faith; and

WHEREAS, Palestinian culture is presented through books, poetry, music, proverbs, and handicrafts made with cross-stitch embroidery patterns that often display ethnic or regional identity and honor a rich cultural legacy from centuries past, serving as important symbols of Palestinian culture; and

WHEREAS, Palestinians have embraced for over 2,000 years core values such as love of family, commitment to education, hospitality, and reverence for land, and they now share these values with the residents of Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, Palestinian residents of Santa Clara County now number approximately 30,000 and have made major contributions to the County in the fields of business engineering, law and medicine, as well as through their cultural talents in the areas of poetry, literature, dance and music; and

WHEREAS, Palestinians living in Santa Clara County will hold the 11th Annual Palestinian Cultural Day that honors the local Palestinian community and its contributions to the County’s civic life as well as the historical and cultural contributions of Palestinians throughout the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara does hereby proclaim May 15, 2012 in Santa Clara County as

PALESTINIAN CULTURAL DAY

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this Twenty-second Day of May, Two Thousand and Twelve by unanimous vote.

George Shirakawa
President, Board of Supervisors

Mike Wasserman
Supervisor, District One

Dave Cortese
Supervisor, District Three

Ken Yeager
Supervisor, District Four

Liz Kniss
Supervisor, District Five

Approved as to Form and Legality

Attest: Lynn Regadanz
Interim Clerk, Board of Supervisors

Date 5-15-12

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Ratified