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WHEREAS, Santa Clara Valley Medical Center is dedicated to the health of the whole community, providing a comprehensive health care system which includes an established network of community clinics known as Valley Health Centers. Valley Health Centers ensure that residents have access to vital primary care, laboratory, radiology, dental care, behavioral health care and pharmacy services in their neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, cuts in California's state budget have resulted in reductions in coverage for critically important preventive services for Santa Clara County residents using Medi-Cal, and many more people have recently been left without health care coverage due to recent economic constraints across the country; and

WHEREAS, El Camino Hospital District has as its mission to address the unmet health needs of its community, and has over the past three years donated $3,814,000 to underwrite otherwise un-funded services at Valley Health Center Sunnyvale. These funds have directly helped 12,518 patients receive cost-effective primary care and dental services, avoiding inevitable emergent medical and dental crises that would require many times the funding to treat; and

WHEREAS, the partnership between El Camino Hospital District and Santa Clara Valley Medical Center is a model of collaboration between a public health system and a non-profit hospital district to meet their shared goal of improving our community’s health. El Camino Hospital and Santa Clara Valley Medical Center have been developing programs and support systems as part of readying the County for health care reform. An important element of the partnership is fully developing the "medical home" model in which all care is provided in one place.

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

El Camino Hospital District

for its dedication to the health of the people of Santa Clara County and the partnership it has undertaken to make the most cost-effective, direct use of its funds to benefit the health of our community.

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

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George M. Shirakawa
President, Board of Supervisors

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Mike Wasserman
Supervisor, District One

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Approved as to Form and Legality

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Date 5-18-12