RESOLUTION NO. 2012-363

WHEREAS, Flag Day commemorates the birth of our national symbol, the American Flag, which the Continental Congress adopted as the official flag of our young republic in 1777, and the day was first officially recognized by the federal government in 1916 with a proclamation from President Woodrow Wilson followed by an Act of Congress in 1949 that made June 14th a day of national observance; and

WHEREAS, Flag Day in Santa Clara County has each year honored the historical significance of the ten flags that fly majestically over the Santa Clara County Government Center and the County will continue this tradition in 2012 with the posting of a flag a day and a description of its historical significance on the County Facebook page from June 4th to 14th; and

WHEREAS, Flag Day in Santa Clara County pays tribute to the current 50-star United States flag, the 28-star flag of 1848 that was the first U.S. flag to fly over what was to become the State of California, and the 31-star U.S. flag of 1851 that was the first U.S. flag to designate California as the 31st state with a star; and

WHEREAS, Flag Day in Santa Clara County also celebrates flags representing important periods in California’s history including the Spanish National Ensign flag that flew over the Pueblo of San Jose until the late eighteenth century, the Mexican Republic flag of 1846 that represents the separation of the Mexican Republic from Spain in 1821, the Fremont flag that a group of settlers used when they established the Bear Republic in 1846, and the current California State flag that was adopted in 1911 and based on the Fremont flag; and

WHEREAS, Flag Day in Santa Clara County also recognizes the official Santa Clara County flag established in 1976, the City of San Jose flag that flies under the County flag and the County of Santa Clara Sheriff’s Office flag that flies under the Fremont flag; and

WHEREAS, Flag Day in Santa Clara County acknowledges and honors the International Association of Firefighters Local 1165, the Santa Clara County 4-H Council, the United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County, the County of Santa Clara National Guard and Veteran Affairs Commission, and the Deputy Sheriffs’ Association of Santa Clara County which annually sponsor the replacement of these historical flags;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, State of California, does hereby proclaim June 14, 2012 as

FLAG DAY

and designate June 4th to June 14th as a time for Flag Awareness in Santa Clara County.

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

Approved as to form and legality:

MIGUEL MÁRQUEZ
County Counsel

Approved

Presented

Adopted

BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
Lynn Regadan, Interim Clerk of the Board

By:

Date: JUN 05 2012

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