

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth Club, founded in 1903 by Edward F. Adams an editorial writer for the San Francisco Chronicle, is the nation's oldest and largest public affairs forum, bringing together 14,000 members to discuss topics extending from politics, culture, society and the economy; and

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth Club benefits from a steady stream of national and international political and social celebrities who appear before the organization, beginning with Theodore Roosevelt in 1911; and

WHEREAS, In 1924, The Commonwealth Club, was able to reach outside the Bay Area through the use of radio. In the 1950s, the radio show broadened beyond California, and now is carried on more than 225 radio stations across the country; and

WHEREAS, As early as 1979, the Commonwealth Club offered programs in the South Bay, but expanded significantly in 1997 when the World Forum of Silicon Valley merged with The Commonwealth Club. The Commonwealth Club/Silicon Valley is now actively engaged in developing programs that address issues pertinent to the vibrant, maturing Silicon Valley community; and

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth Club, began offering regular programs in other regions of the Bay Area in 1990. These regional programs-in Marin and Sonoma Counties and a recently expanded effort in the East Bay-are now an important part of the Club's programming effort; and

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth Club has become an established and influential organization and will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary on Wednesday, May 7, 2003;

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

the Commonwealth Club

in honor of their 100th Anniversary.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this sixth day of May, Two Thousand and Three by unanimous vote.

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