

**WHEREAS**, Gertrude M. Welch was born on January 14, 1919 in Redwood Falls Minnesota. She graduated from San Jose State University with majors in Philosophy and Psychology. She married George E. Welch in 1968 and now has three married daughters; and

**WHEREAS**, Gertrude M. Welch has contributed greatly to our community through her activities. She was the Director of Urban-Migrant Ministry at the Santa Clara County Council of Churches from 1962 to 1965 and was the Community Development Director of the Homeless and Affordable Housing Programs from 1988 to 1992; and

**WHEREAS**, Gertrude M. Welch has been an active member of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, serving as co-chair of the local chapter from 1984 to 1986 and as Legislation Chair from 1987 to 1988. Gertrude also worked with the local chapter of the Fellowship of Reconciliation during the Cold War; and

**WHEREAS**, Gertrude M. Welch's work extends to the international community. As part of a fact-finding delegation with the Northern California Ecumenical Council, she traveled to Nicaragua in 1985. The San Francisco Council of Churches sponsored her to travel to the Middle East in 1978, and in 1982 she traveled to the Soviet Union as a member of both the Fellowship of Reconciliation and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, Gertrude M. Welch's endeavors have been recognized with multiple awards including the 1992 CAHRO Civil Rights Leadership Award, the Methodist Federation for Social Action Peace and Justice award in 1992, the Santa Clara County Unity in Diversity Award in 2001, and the 2001 State of California Legislature Woman of the Year Award; and

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

# GERTRUDE M. WELCH

for her outstanding service to Santa Clara County and her exceptional leadership for future generations of women.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this Nineteenth Day of August Two Thousand and Three by unanimous vote.

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Blanca Alvarado, Chairperson  
Board of Supervisors

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Attest: Phyllis Perez  
Clerk, Board of Supervisors