

**WHEREAS**, Kathy Cleckner Torgersen was born in Chicago on September 9, 1945, and was graduated from the University of Illinois, Urbana where she met Mike and they married on February 27, 1967; and

**WHEREAS**, Kathy Torgersen worked as a reporter in Hayward and later taught high school journalism in Chicago, and upon settling in Palo Alto with her husband, had a daughter Kate and a son Steve; and

**WHEREAS**, Kathy Torgersen, a longtime resident of Palo Alto has achieved the ultimate distinction as an athlete by finishing in the Ironman event in Kona, Hawaii on October 21, 2006, coming in 10<sup>th</sup> in the Women's 60-64 category with a time of 15 hours, 7 minutes and 53 seconds, enduring a 2.4 mile swim, a 112 mile bike ride and a 26.2 mile run; and

**WHEREAS**, Kathy Torgersen started a fitness program years ago which provided impetus to compete in an Olympic distance triathlon in 1998 and her goal mushroomed from local to national to world competitions climaxing in the Ironman; and

**WHEREAS**, Kathy Torgersen, one of 118 athletes over the age of 50, in a total field of 1689, swam through choppy seas and currents, crashed her bike, pedaled through a downpour and up a 19-mile hill against the wind, then ran, walked and hobbled 26 miles in tropical heat and total darkness to the finish line.

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

## **KATHY TORGERSEN**

for her phenomenal stamina, endurance, perseverance and determination which climaxed in her accomplishment in becoming a true ***IRONMAN!***

**PASSED AND ADOPTED**, this Fourteenth Day of November, Two Thousand and Six by unanimous vote.

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Pete McHugh  
Supervisor, District Three

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Donald F. Gage  
Chair Pro Tem

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Blanca Alvarado  
Supervisor, District Two

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Attest: Phyllis A. Perez  
Clerk, Board of Supervisors

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Liz Kniss  
Supervisor, District Five