

WHEREAS, Nalini Shekar has been the Director of Advocacy at Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence since 2001, is the founding member of the South Bay Coalition to End Human Trafficking, and serves as a board member of Maitri, a domestic violence agency serving the South Asian community; and

WHEREAS, Nalini Shekar has been an effective advocate for victims of domestic violence and trafficking for nearly 10 years in Santa Clara County; and

WHEREAS, Nalini Shekar was appointed to the Domestic Violence Council in 2005, where she served as Vice Chair and served as Chair of the Immigrant Survivors and Housing Committees; and

WHEREAS, Nalini Shekar was a key member of the team involved in the rescue and rehabilitation of Indian women who were trafficked into the United States by a Berkeley landlord, one of the most notorious and largest trafficking cases in California; and

WHEREAS, Nalini Shekar started her career as a university professor in child development in India, has been an advocate for women and child laborers in India and other South Asian countries, and was instrumental in the formation of a trade union of women rag pickers in Pune, India,

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

NALINI SHEKAR

for her outstanding commitment to victims' advocacy and for her leadership in the arenas of domestic violence and human trafficking in Santa Clara County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this First Day of May, Two Thousand and Seven by unanimous vote.

Donald F. Gage, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

Blanca Alvarado
Supervisor, District Two

Pete McHugh
Supervisor, District Three

Ken Yeager
Supervisor, District Four

Liz Kniss
Supervisor, District Five

Attest: Phyllis A. Perez
Clerk, Board of Supervisors