

WHEREAS, the Saratoga Foothill Club has been in existence for more than 100 years as a social organization for women who take great pride in their public lecture series with distinguished authors, professors, and other experts, a scholarship program for Saratoga High School seniors, community outreach for those less fortunate, and important speakers for monthly meetings; the Club's largest annual event, which they organize, staff, and publicize, is the Memorial Day celebration in Blaney Plaza and the parade to honor war veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Saratoga Foothill Club has this summer marked its eightieth year of presenting the Memorial Day Ceremony gathering that is attended by about 600-700 people to honor, appreciate, and remember the members of the United States armed forces who have served to protect the freedom of our country; and

WHEREAS, the Saratoga Foothill Club has developed public/private partnerships with the city government of Saratoga and with the special district of Madronia Cemetery to enhance the Memorial Day program and has served as a model for other communities; and

WHEREAS, the Saratoga Foothill Club promotes community-building and fosters friendships between generations, including high school and middle school children, Boy Scouts, veterans' groups, the DAR, 4-H, and other groups in the planning and preparations for this inclusive program of speeches, music, flag ceremonies, and a stirring ceremony whereby Girl Scouts lay laurel sprays of honor on 800 veterans' graves at Madronia Cemetery;

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

Saratoga Foothill Club

for its eighty years of providing a popular annual public Memorial Day Ceremony to remember and honor the military veterans who have served their country.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this Twenty Sixth Day of August, Two Thousand Eight by unanimous vote.

Pete McHugh, Chair
Board of Supervisors

Donald F. Gage
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Attest: Phyllis A. Perez
Clerk, Board of Supervisors