

**WHEREAS,** the Peace Corps has become an enduring symbol of our nation's commitment to encourage progress, create opportunity, and expand development at the grass-roots level in the developing world; and

**WHEREAS,** more than 195,000 Americans have served as Peace Corps Volunteers in 139 countries since 1961; over the past 48 years, 26,249 men and women from the State of California have responded to our nation's call to serve by joining the Peace Corps; and

**WHEREAS,** Peace Corps Volunteers have made significant and lasting contributions around the world in agriculture, business development, information technology, education, health and HIV/AIDS, and the environment, improved the lives of individuals and communities, and strengthened the ties of friendship and understanding between the people of the United States and those of other countries; and

**WHEREAS,** Peace Corps Volunteers, enriched by their experiences overseas, have brought to their communities ,throughout the United States, a deeper understanding of other cultures and traditions, thereby bringing a domestic dividend to our nation; and

**WHEREAS,** it is indeed fitting to recognize the achievements of the Peace Corps and honor its Volunteers, past and present, and reaffirm our country's commitment to helping people help themselves throughout the world;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, State of California does hereby proclaim February 23 through March 2, 2009

## *Peace Corps Week in Santa Clara County*

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this Twenty Fourth Day of February, 2009 by unanimous vote.

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Donald F. Gage  
Supervisor, District One

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Attest: Maria Marinos  
Clerk, Board of Supervisors