

**WHEREAS,** in 1969, people on the Mid-Peninsula felt the need to create an agency to provide services for the older members of the community, which led to the incorporation of the Senior Coordinating Council (SCC), now known as Avenidas; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Palo Alto supported the agency's efforts by contracting with them to become the primary provider of services and consultant for the needs of seniors in Palo Alto and, in 1978, leased to the agency the old downtown police and fire station at 450 Bryant Street; and

**WHEREAS,** in 1976, the agency established a senior day care program and two years later, incorporated a health component providing physically and/or cognitively impaired seniors with a viable alternative to institutionalization, and this Senior Day Health Program was the first of its kind in Santa Clara County; and

**WHEREAS,** since its inception, Avenidas has enhanced the lives of older adults by continually adding programs in the areas of Information and Assistance, Social Work Services, Participant Services, Volunteering, Lifelong Learning and Leisure, Health and Wellness, Transportation and Handyman Services, Senior Day Health Services, and Avenidas Village, all of which are designed to improve the lives of older adults;

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

## *Avenidas*

for providing 40 years of innovative and outstanding support, information, and community to older adults on the Mid-Peninsula.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this Thirteenth Day of January, Two Thousand Nine by unanimous vote.

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Liz Kniss, Chair  
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Attest: Maria Marinos  
Clerk, Board of Supervisors