

**WHEREAS,** there is a global epidemic of glaucoma, the irreparable slow death of the optic nerve, and the profile of those at the highest risk for contracting the disease closely resembles the culturally diverse communities in the Silicon Valley; and

**WHEREAS,** there is, as yet, no known cure for glaucoma, and one of the best hopes of finding a cure was born from the entrepreneurial spirit of Silicon Valley; this month the Bay Area's Glaucoma Research Foundation (GRF), the nation's leading investor in innovative glaucoma research (outside of academia, government and industry), celebrates its 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary; and

**WHEREAS,** under the leadership of Art Takahara, the Glaucoma Research Foundation has a national affiliation with the new Silicon Valley chapter, whose mission is to provide a forum for residents of Silicon Valley to keep abreast of current glaucoma research and to contribute to GRF resources; and

**WHEREAS,** GRF's Catalyst for a Cure (CFC) was the inspiration of Steven and Michael Kirsch through the Kirsch Foundation; CFC is a major collaborative research effort redefining how glaucoma research is conducted; unlike more traditional approaches to medical research, CFC researchers are engaged in full, ongoing partnerships with scientists from other institutions, spending time together in each other's labs, collaborating online, and sharing results as they go; and

**WHEREAS,** on the occasion of the Foundation's 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary, there are encouraging results coming from research projects funded by the Shaffer Fund for Innovative Glaucoma Research, CFC, and promising research from many outstanding scientists, bringing optimism for finding cures for the various types of glaucoma;

**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

## *Glaucoma Research Foundation*

for 31 years of funding innovative research and providing outstanding educational resources to those concerned with glaucoma.

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

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Liz Kniss  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

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Donald F. Gage  
Supervisor, District One

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George Shirakawa  
Supervisor, District Two

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Supervisor, District Three

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Ken Yeager  
Supervisor, District Four

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Attest: Maria Marinos  
Clerk, Board of Supervisors