

WHEREAS, Leona Butler has had a distinguished career in health care issues, and is being honored on the occasion of her retirement as Chief Executive Officer of the Santa Clara Family Health Plan; and

WHEREAS, Leona Butler's health care experience started at the University of California San Francisco Medical Center where she held a variety of positions, starting as an analyst for the Chancellor and culminating as Principal Investigator for a grant to investigate ways to educate the public via television news; and

WHEREAS, Leona Butler has conceived, organized and administered a variety of major projects, and served in a wide range of policy positions, including as chief staff person on Medi-Cal reform in the California Legislature, CEO of the Health Plan of San Joaquin, and at Blue Cross of California, where she was Vice President for Provider Affairs and implemented the Prudent Buyer plan, the first large PPO in California; and

WHEREAS, Leona Butler arrived in 1997 at Santa Clara Family Health Plan (SCFHP) shortly after its startup, and guided the plan to a dominant position in the Santa Clara County market while advocating for universal health insurance coverage for all Californians; and

WHEREAS, Leona Butler led the Children's Health Initiative (CHI), a community-based outreach and enrollment program, and developed and administered Healthy Kids, a locally funded insurance plan which provides health insurance for every child in Santa Clara County who does not qualify for public insurance; these two programs, the first of their kind in the nation, were created by a public-private partnership that included Santa Clara Family Health Plan; and

WHEREAS, Leona Butler has been actively involved in the Healthy Families program since its inception, and has worked to ensure that SCFHP be designated each year as the community provider plan for Santa Clara County;

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

Leona M. Butler

for her clarity of vision and inspired leadership in providing health care for Santa Clara County's children and families.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this Twenty Fourth Day of March, Two Thousand Nine by unanimous vote.

Liz Kniss, President
Board of Supervisors

Donald F. Gage
Supervisor, District One

George M. Shirakawa
Supervisor, District Two

Dave Cortese
Supervisor, District Three

Ken Yeager
Supervisor, District Four

Attest: Maria Marinos
Clerk, Board of Supervisors