

WHEREAS, the Iranian Youth Scholarship fund was founded in 2000 with a gift from Mrs. Azadeh Hariri, who shared a vision of starting a meaningful scholarship program for Iranian American students in the United States, and has grown into a respected community service within the Iranian population; and

WHEREAS, the Iranian Youth Scholarship aims to ensure the second generation of Iranians growing up in the United States not forget Iran, be proud of their Iranian heritage, and continue the traditions and culture of the Iranian community throughout the global world; and

WHEREAS, the Iranian Youth Scholarship was broadened last year into the Iranian Scholarship Foundation, and will introduce new scholarships to help Iranian graduate students arriving from Iran who are in need of financial help to further their education; and

WHEREAS, the Iranian Scholarship Foundation currently funds undergraduate students of Iranian descent studying in a four-year college in the United States, and once awarded, the student is supported for up to four years, or until the student graduates; and

WHEREAS, the Iranian Scholarship Foundation requires a strong commitment to community service; an applicant must have, among other requirements, a grade point average of 3.5 or higher and a history of volunteer work in the community; the recipient of a scholarship is required to perform at least 100 hours of volunteer work each year in their community; and

WHEREAS, the Iranian Scholarship Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and has no paid employees; currently the founder of the Foundation pays for any expenses, and 100% of all donations goes to provide scholarships; to date, the Foundation has awarded 74 scholarships totaling \$500,000 in the last five years;

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

Iranian Scholarship Foundation

for its commitment to Iranian students who pursue their education as well as their commitment to positive community service.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this Fifth Day of May, Two Thousand Nine by unanimous vote.

Liz Kniss, President
Board of Supervisors

Donald F. Gage
Supervisor, District One

George M. Shirakawa
Supervisor, District Two

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Supervisor, District Three

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Attest: Maria Marinos
Clerk, Board of Supervisors