

WHEREAS, Dr. Patricia Bubenik has selflessly served as the Executive Director of the Palo Alto Area Chapter of the American Red Cross from 2001 until its merger on January 1, 2009 to form the Silicon Valley Chapter and thereafter served as its Executive Vice President for Strategic Planning; and

WHEREAS, her service for youth has meant that in the area served by the Palo Alto Chapter last year, more than 1,500 children learned to swim and enjoy water safely, more than 150 lifeguards were certified, more than 50 teens were trained as babysitters, many pre-teens were taught how to be safe alone through the "When I'm in Charge" classes, and Safe Ride for Teens provided some 670 free and confidential rides to teens by teens on weekend nights during the school year ('08-'09); and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bubenik has overseen the growth of services offered by the Red Cross including: health and safety training in First Aid, CPR for adults and children, wilderness first aid; disaster preparedness and response for residential fires, pandemic, earthquake, and other community emergencies; disaster response drills in cooperation with other community agencies; international humanitarian law seminars, in cooperation with entities such as Stanford University; support of armed forces and their families through courses, Care and Comfort kits, and connections when family emergencies arose; partnerships with businesses and faith-based organizations for emergency shelters and supplies; and community disaster education through organizations, schools, neighborhoods, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, following the mutual decisions of the respective Boards to merge the Palo Alto Area and Santa Clara Valley chapters, Dr. Bubenik led the merger integration team for the successful launch of the new Silicon Valley chapters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, State of California joins the American Red Cross in congratulating

Dr. Patricia Bubenik

for her seven years of tireless service to our community and the Red Cross and further, expresses its appreciation for her commitment to uphold the principles of the Red Cross, leading our community in preparedness, health and safety and youth leadership.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this Twenty Ninth Day of September, Two Thousand Nine by unanimous vote.

Liz Kniss, President
Board of Supervisors

Donald F. Gage
Supervisor, District One

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Approved as to Form and Legality

Attest: Maria Marinos
Clerk, Board of Supervisors



County Counsel

Date 09-23-09