

WHEREAS, the International Children Assistance Network (ICAN) was founded in April 2000 to enable children to realize their potential and become compassionate leaders in society by fostering the spirit of “Youth Helping Youth” and engaging children to help others by giving back to the community;

WHEREAS, ICAN offers programs that strengthen family foundations, bridge cultural and intergenerational gaps, and serve as a forum for children to succeed in school and life;

WHEREAS, ICAN works with other ethnic and mainstream organizations to preserve and promote the Vietnamese heritage through cultural events and public education, thereby enriching the diversity in Santa Clara County;

WHEREAS, ICAN ensures the healthy development of children aged 0-5 within the Vietnamese American community and, through its flagship Happy 5 program, educates parents and grandparents about child abuse prevention, child development, and the importance of the first five years;

WHEREAS, ICAN continually advocates for the needs and well-being of the Vietnamese American community in Santa Clara County to sponsors, governments, and foundations;

WHEREAS, ICAN promotes civic engagement within the Vietnamese American community by educating and calling people to respond to the census, advocating for programs and health insurance for all children in Santa Clara County, and voicing their needs and speaking for their rights within the American democratic framework;

WHEREAS, during the flood in 2017 and COVID-19 Pandemic in 2020, ICAN assisted disadvantaged individuals and families in the Bay Area; and,

WHEREAS, on Friday, March 15, 2024, YMCA Project Cornerstone is hosting the 2024 Asset Champions Awardees, and ICAN is being honored as the **2024 Positive Cultural Identity Asset Champion**.

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

International Children Assistance Network (ICAN)

for its dedication and service to improving the quality life for the Vietnamese American community in Santa Clara County and beyond.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Clara, State of California, on this 27th Day of February, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four by unanimous vote.

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