

WHEREAS, "Vesak", the Day of the Full Moon in the month of May, is the most sacred day to millions of Buddhists around the world. It was on the Day of Vesak two and a half millennia ago, in the year 623 B.C., that the Buddha was born. It was also on the Day of Vesak that the Buddha attained enlightenment, and it was on the Day of Vesak that the Buddha in his eightieth year passed away;

WHEREAS, in 1999 the United Nations General Assembly recognized the Day of Vesak to acknowledge the contribution that Buddhism, one of the oldest religions in the world, has made for over two and a half millennia and continues to make to the spirituality of humanity;

WHEREAS, the Vietnamese Buddhist Community in Northern California has, continuously for the past 49 years, served the spiritual and cultural needs of the community in Northern California and has united to celebrate the 2024 Vesak Day honoring the life of Buddha; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Vesak Cultural Festival commemorates the teachings of the Buddha and his message of compassion, peace, and goodwill, which have moved thousands of people in Santa Clara County, and millions more around the world.

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

VIETNAMESE BUDDHIST COMMUNITY IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

for being a pillar of cultural and spiritual heritage in Santa Clara County and for promoting compassion and peace throughout the community on the Day of Vesak.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Clara, State of California, on this Seventh Day of May, Two Thousand and Twenty-four by unanimous vote.

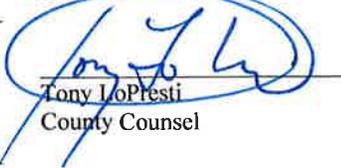
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