

**WHEREAS**, Lai Duc Hung was raised in the Republic of Vietnam and spent four years as a member of the country's National Judo Team before graduating from the Vietnamese National Military Academy in 1971;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Lai received his master's degree in applied mathematics from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey in 1975 and was in the United States studying for the degree during the Fall of Saigon. He was unable to return to Vietnam and began working to help support other Vietnamese refugees arriving in Santa Clara County;

**WHEREAS**, in 1977, Mr. Lai co-founded the Coalition of Nationalist Vietnamese Organizations of Northern California. He also co-founded and served as host of more than 30 annual Tết festivals held at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds with the 1986 festival celebrating the Year of the Tiger (Hội Tết Bính Dần) drawing more than 60,000 attendees, including then Governor George Deukmejian;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Lai sought to ensure that Vietnamese living in the United States would learn and honor their cultural histories, spending his free time teaching youth about Vietnamese history and cultural traditions and working with the Vietnamese Culture Park Committee to raise the Republic of South Vietnam Flag Monument in Santa Clara County; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Lai also raised a family in Santa Clara County and worked as a computer engineer at Hewlett Packard for 28 years all while devoting his free time to preserving the heritage and culture of the Republic of Vietnam among the county's Vietnamese community.

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

## Lai Duc Hung

for his life-long commitment and contributions to the Vietnamese community in Santa Clara County.

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

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Susan Ellenberg  
President, Board of Supervisors

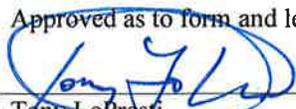
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Attest: Curtis Boone  
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