

WHEREAS, following the Fall of Saigon in 1975, millions of Vietnamese refugees fled Vietnam to escape the Communist regime. Tens of thousands perished at sea, but more than a million were rescued and settled in the United States of America, where they began a new life in freedom;

WHEREAS, for nearly five decades, Santa Clara County has been home to one of the largest Vietnamese communities outside of Vietnam with more than 150,000 residents of Vietnamese heritage;

WHEREAS, the Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom Flag represents the long history and culture of Vietnam. Many Vietnamese Americans and those living overseas continue to honor and recognize this flag as a symbol of freedom and democracy;

WHEREAS, the Vietnamese American community annually commemorates the month of April as “Black April Remembrance” to remain vigilant in opposing tyranny in all forms, to actively support human rights for all people, and to advance the values of democracy, justice, and tolerance by which our nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, the Vietnamese American Roundtable will host the 12th Annual Black April Commemoration on the occasion of the 49th Anniversary of the Fall of Saigon at the San José City Hall Rotunda in Santa Clara County, California.

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

Vietnamese American Roundtable (VAR)

on the occasion of its 12th Annual Black April Commemoration and for helping the Vietnamese American community pay homage to the perilous journeys that families embarked upon to secure their freedom.

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

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