

- a. Adopt Proclamation declaring May 1, 2024 as “International Workers Day” in Santa Clara County to honor and recognize the contribution of all workers and immigrants, recognize all workers’ rights, and to encourage the community to join the commemoration. (Lee)

WHEREAS, May Day was conceived and initiated in the United States by workers, most of whom were immigrants, struggling for the 8-hour working day;

WHEREAS, May Day's origins began on May 1, 1886 with a march to support workers' rights down Michigan Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, leading to a series of events including the Haymarket Affair and the Great Upheaval, which began a new era of workers' rights and protections in America;

WHEREAS, May 1st has been recognized throughout the world as International Workers' Day, and May Day has been an annual commemoration since the 1930's in the United States of America;

WHEREAS, through the collaborative work of a diverse coalition of community members, on May 1, 2006, May Day and International Workers' Day were reborn in San José with the largest march ever in San José's history with over a quarter of a million participants. The 2006 march is still one of the largest gatherings ever in Northern California;

WHEREAS, the May Day marches, held annually ever since 2006 on Santa Clara Street in San José, have been led by immigrant workers and union workers fighting for the human rights of all workers and immigrants;

WHEREAS, the traditions of May Day and International Workers' Day are cherished by the diverse community of residents across the City of San José and Santa Clara County; and,

WHEREAS, members of the San José May Day Coalition continue to observe this day and keep the spirit of May Day-International Workers' Day alive.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara does hereby recognize and proclaim May 1 as

## INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' DAY

in Santa Clara County to honor and recognize the contribution of all workers and immigrants, recognize all workers' rights, and to encourage the community to join the commemoration.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED**, by the Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Clara, State of California, on this 15<sup>th</sup> Day of April, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four by unanimous vote.

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