

- p. Adopt Commendation for Megan Williams for her dedication, commitment, leadership, and contributions to improving the quality of life for youth in the County Juvenile Hall and the community at-large. (Lee) (ID# 24-5363)

**WHEREAS**, in 2009, Megan Williams coordinated with a group of young Vietnamese Americans to address the current issues relating to the people of Vietnam, as well as the anxiety felt by the Vietnamese youth toward Vietnam. They formed Biet Doan Van Nghe Lam Son. With her leadership, Megan created opportunities for the members to give back to society by visiting elderly people at the Mission De La Casa Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, visiting youth at the County Juvenile Hall, feeding people experiencing homelessness, and hosting an annual cultural program for members to sing and advocate for democracy, freedom, and human rights for Vietnam;

**WHEREAS**, Megan Williams founded the Loving Care Group “Hội Tình Thương,” and works in partnership with businesses and individuals who contribute their time and resources for the betterment of the community and the youth at Juvenile Hall;

**WHEREAS**, after her daughter, Michelle Williams, passed away due to leukemia in 2009, Megan Williams worked with State Senator Mark DeSaunier to pass a bill that requires employers to provide sick days for employees recovering from a bone marrow donation. Megan has also gone above and beyond to increase awareness and hope for leukemia patients by traveling to different states and mobilizing the community to register for bone marrow donation;

**WHEREAS**, Megan Williams worked with others to build the Vietnam War monument and the Retaking of the Historic Quang Tri Citadel Commemorative Monument at the Viet Museum;

**WHEREAS**, on Sunday, November 14, 2021, Megan Williams was honored during the Thank You America event for her contributions to the Vietnamese American community for the past three decades; and,

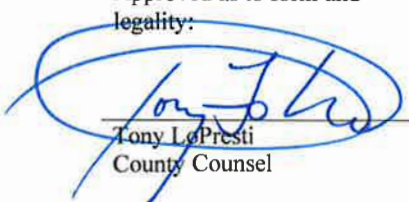
**WHEREAS**, due to her health, Megan Williams will host her last Black April Remembrance Day on Saturday, April 27, 2024, in San José, California.

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

## *Megan Williams*

for her dedication, commitment, leadership, and contributions to improving the quality of life for youth in the County Juvenile Hall and the community at-large.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED**, by the Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Clara, State of California, on this 16<sup>th</sup> Day of April, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four by unanimous vote.

<hr/> <p>Sylvia Arenas Supervisor, District One</p>	<hr/> <p>Susan Ellenberg President, Board of Supervisors</p>	<hr/> <p>Cindy Chavez Supervisor, District Two</p>
<hr/> <p>Otto Lee Supervisor, District Three</p>	<p>Approved as to form and legality:</p>  <hr/> <p>Tony LoPresti County Counsel</p>	<hr/> <p>S. Joseph Simitian Supervisor, District Five</p>
<hr/> <p>Attest: Curtis Boone Acting Clerk, Board of Supervisors</p>		

County of Santa Clara  
Supervisory District Three



24-5363

**DATE:** April 16, 2024

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Otto Lee, Supervisor

**SUBJECT:** Commendation for Megan Williams

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

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Adopted: 04/16/2024