

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILPITAS JOINING WITH THE CALIFORNIA SENATE AND VOICING ITS SUPPORT OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29 – (BLACK APRIL MEMORIAL WEEK)

WHEREAS, this past April 30, 2009 marked the 34th anniversary of the fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975 to communist forces; and

WHEREAS, for many Vietnam and Vietnam-era veterans who were directly involved in the war and Vietnamese Americans who have settled in the United States, the Vietnam War was a tragedy full of great suffering and the loss of American, Vietnamese, and Southeast Asian lives; and

WHEREAS, 58,169 people were killed and 304,000 were wounded out of the 2.59 million people who served in the Vietnam War. One out of every 10 Americans who served in Vietnam became a casualty of war; and

WHEREAS, the California Senate, in recognition of the great tragedy and suffering and lives lost during the Vietnam War era, proclaimed by way of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 29 the week of April 23 to April 30, 2009, “Black April Memorial Week” and urged Californians to consider it a special time to remember the countless lives lost during the Vietnam War era and to hope for a more humane and just life for the people of Vietnam.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Milpitas hereby voices its support of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 29 and joins with those recognizing the past week of April 23 to April 30, 2009 as Black April Memorial Week.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Mary Lavelle, City Clerk

Robert Livengood, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael J. Ogaz, City Attorney