



CITY OF MILPITAS

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Sister Cities Commission of the City of Milpitas, California, United States, is interested in exploring the possibility of establishing a sister city relationship with any city in the Province of Florence, Italy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Milpitas is located about forty miles south of San Francisco, with a population of approximately 70,000. Milpitas is centrally located in Silicon Valley near many tourist areas, including Santa Cruz, Monterey, and the Napa and Sonoma valleys; and

WHEREAS the City of Milpitas encourages the creation of Sister-City affiliations to promote friendship and understanding, and to build bridges with countries of origin for various ethnic populations residing in the City; and

WHEREAS, this relationship would tie-in with the long-standing relationship between the County of Santa Clara and the Province of Florence; and

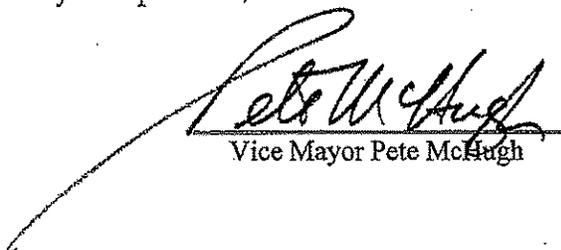
WHEREAS, such relationships enhance the region's international profile; encourage mutual understanding; and foster cultural, educational, technological and business exchanges between people of Milpitas and the people of our Sister regions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Milpitas is a member of Sister Cities International and currently has three other sister city relationships: Tsukuba, Japan; Dagupan, Philippines; and Huizhou, China; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Milpitas of California, United States of America, is enthusiastic about the possibility of expanding its sister city relationships with any City in the Province of Florence, Italy, and to further enjoy and develop healthy and fruitful links in the areas of student and cultural exchange, art and education.

PROCLAIMED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011.

  
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Mayor Jose S. Esteves

  
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Vice Mayor Pete McHugh

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA



*Board of Supervisors*  
R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, at the request of the City of Milpitas, the County and the County of Santa Clara, CA, USA/Province of Florence, Italy Sister County Commission acted on its behalf during the recent delegation visit to the Province; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the City of Milpitas, the delegation presented the City's resolution expressing the desire to form a sister-city relationship to the Comune di Figline Valdarno; and

WHEREAS, one of the joint objectives of the Province of Florence and the County of Santa Clara is to increase the mutual understanding of their respective areas through the cultivation of relationships among their peoples; and

WHEREAS, the Comune di Figline Valdarno warmly received the delegation and presented a longstanding traditional program of flag throwers in honor of the visit; and

WHEREAS, the Comune di Figline Valdarno expressed its desire to create a "twinning" or "friendship" relationship with the City of Milpitas; and

WHEREAS, the Comune di Figline Valdarno requested that the delegation present to the City of Milpitas its official crest as a symbol of their mutual interest in connection; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors commends the County of Santa Clara, CA, USA/Province of Florence, Italy Sister County Commission for its role in bringing the two areas together;

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

*City of Milpitas and the Comune di Figline Valdarno*

for pursuing the creation of this sister-city relationship.

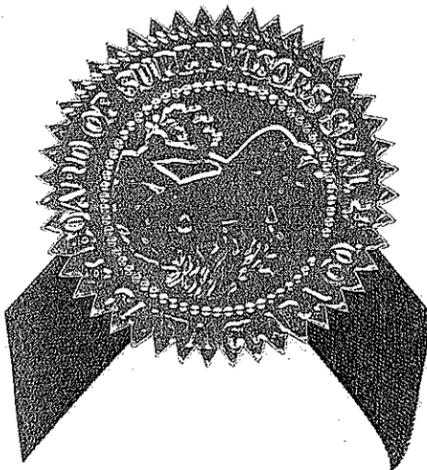
PASSED AND ADOPTED this Eighth Day of November, Two Thousand and Eleven by unanimous vote.

  
Mike Wasserman  
Supervisor, District One

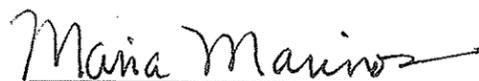
  
Dave Cortese  
President, Board of Supervisors

  
George Shirakawa  
Supervisor, District Two

  
Ken Yeager  
Supervisor, District Four



  
Liz Kniss  
Supervisor, District Five

  
Attest: Maria Marinos  
Clerk, Board of Supervisors