



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

DESIGNATING

MAY 6, 2001

“BATAAN AND CORREGIDOR RECOGNITION DAY”

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on December 7, 1941, 75,000 troops were amassed on the Bataan peninsula to protect and defend justice, freedom and democracy That consisted of 18,000 Americans, 11,000 Philippine Scouts and approximately 46,000 forces of the Commonwealth of the Philippines, and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 50,000 were captured and taken prisoners of war by the enemy upon the fall of Bataan on April 9, 1942. That resulted in the infamous Bataan Death March from Mariveles, Bataan to San Fernando, Pampanga. The prisoners of war were loaded in boxcars, destined for Camp O'Donnell, Tarlac, a POW camp, and

WHEREAS, hundreds and hundreds of prisoners of war died or were killed by the Japanese Imperial Forces during the Death March; and

WHEREAS, about 11,000 troops were in the defense of the island of Corregidor, known as the Harbor Defense of Manila and Subic Bays. The troops on Corregidor consisted of 1,000 Philippine Scouts and 10,000 allied forces who were captured and taken prisoners of war upon the fall of Corregidor on May 6, 1942, and

WHEREAS, three members of the Philippine Scouts were awarded this nation's highest award, the Congressional Medal of Honor, for their bravery in action The Honors went to First Lieutenant Alexander R. Nininger, 57th Infantry, Captain Willibald Bianchi, 45th Infantry, and Sergeant Jose Calugas, Sr , 88th Field Artillery, who was advanced to the retired grade of Captain; and

WHEREAS, the defenders of Bataan and Corregidor fought courageously and valiantly, and distinguished themselves as heroes of World War II

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California hereby designates May 6, 2001 as “BATAAN AND CORREGIDOR RECOGNITION DAY” and honors the heroism of America’s fighting men and women

DATED April 24, 2001