

Resolution

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

COMMENDING AND HONORING

THE DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY AND SETON MEDICAL CENTER UPON THE OPENING OF SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON NEW LIFE CENTER

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that the Daughters of Charity, a group of women dedicated to serving the poorest of the poor, was founded in 1633 by St. Vincent de Paul, a humble French priest, and Louise de Mariallac, a widow of means. Today the Daughters of Charity is an international community of over 23,000 women, offering compassionate service to those in need all over the world; and

WHEREAS, the Daughters of Charity arrived in San Francisco in 1852 to begin their ministry of services to the sick and poor, opened Mary's Help Hospital on Guerrero Street in 1912; and in 1965 opened Seton Medical Center and continued to advance their mission of service to the sick and poor by providing outstanding health services, for the mind, body and spirit; and

WHEREAS, the Daughters of Charity and Seton Medical Center have been actively involved in supporting the local community through programs, such as RotaCare Clinics providing free healthcare services to uninsured residents of San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, the Daughters of Charity and Seton Medical Center will open the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton New Life Center to provide education and counseling on all aspects of perinatal and post-partum care; and will offer physician services, as well as nutritional, social and support services, all in one location; and

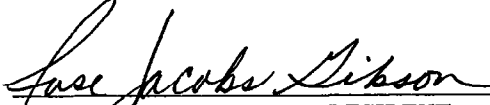
WHEREAS, the Saint Elizabeth New Life Center is sponsored by the Daughters of Charity, and Seton Medical Center, with a mission to provide comprehensive healthcare services to the community, particularly the underserved; and to emphasize care with respect and dignity; and

WHEREAS, Seton Medical Center will support the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton New Life Center by providing comprehensive birthing facilities for new mothers.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, does hereby honor the Daughters of Charity and Seton Medical Center on the opening of the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton New Life Center. The Board of Supervisors does hereby gratefully acknowledge the contributions of Seton Medical Center and the Daughters of Charity for their selfless dedication to the underserved women of our community and calls upon all residents of this community to join us in celebrating this "birth" of a better beginning for those in need.

DATED: May 7, 2003

SUPERVISORS:


ROSE JACOBS GIBSON, PRESIDENT

