

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING JANUARY 30, 2004 AS

BYRON SHER DAY

IN CELEBRATION OF HIS MORE THAN THIRTY-TWO YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

WHEREAS, on this 30th day of January, two thousand and four, BYRON SHER is honored for his more than thirty-two years of distinguished public service; and

WHEREAS, BYRON SHER graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Washington University at St. Louis before getting his Juris Doctor degree from Harvard University; and

WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious career, BYRON SHER held numerous academic posts for many law schools including Harvard Law School, Southern Methodist University, the University of Southern California and Stanford University and became a Fullbright Research Scholar; and

WHEREAS, BYRON SHER began his long, successful career in public office as a member of the Palo Alto City Council, where he served two terms as mayor during his nine year tenure; and

WHEREAS, BYRON SHER furthered his political career in 1980 when he was elected to the State Assembly and served for more than 15 years which included leadership positions as Chair of the Criminal Law and Public Safety Committee and Chair of the Natural Resources Committee;

WHEREAS, BYRON SHER continued serving as a state representative when he was elected to the State Senate in 1996 where he currently serves as Chair of the Senate Environmental Quality Committee and as a member of six other standing committees, four select committees, and three sub-committees of which he is the presiding Chair for two of them; and

WHEREAS, BYRON SHER authored many landmark laws to protect California's environment, including the California Clean Air Act, the Integrated Waste Management Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act, the nation's first law to prevent toxic contamination from leaking underground storage tanks, and he served as Chair of the Joint Committee on Headwaters Forest; and

WHEREAS, BYRON SHER, arguably the most effective environmental legislator in the state, has served with distinction, honor and compassion toward improving upon our great state,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the County of San Mateo Board of Supervisors that January 30, 2004 is hereby designated BYRON SHER DAY and the Board expresses its congratulations, sincere gratitude and the utmost appreciation to BYRON SHER for his extraordinary and dedicated service to the State of California.

DATED: January 30, 2004

SUPERVISORS: