Resolution

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING

MARGARET ANN TAYLOR

WHEREAS, MARGARET TAYLOR earned her Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts, and Master of Business Administration degrees from the University of Santa Clara; and

WHEREAS, MARGARET TAYLOR began her long career in public service as a volunteer in teen and substance abuse programs, and, in 1978, became a counselor and later Director at the Pacifica Youth Services Bureau and has been continuously certified by the State of California as an MFCC counselor, and

WHEREAS, in 1985, MARGARET TAYLOR was appointed Director of Health Services, and has provided outstanding leadership to promote access and sustain a high quality of health care in San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, MARGARET TAYLOR was an instrumental advocate in the creation of the Health Plan of San Mateo which has improved access to health care for poor people; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure, MARGARET TAYLOR oversaw considerable changes in the mental health system with an emphasis toward keeping children at home or in the community through: the children's system of care; counseling services in teen clinics; developmental assessments for young children or their parents; implementation of the SAIL residential program for older teens; therapeutic day schools; and Canyon Oaks group home for adolescents; and

WHEREAS, mental health services for adults were significantly improved as a result of the vision and guidance of MARGARET TAYLOR to provide community-based residential care; acute and emergency psychiatric care services at the County's Medical Center, outpatient clinical services located closer to clients' homes; co-locating mental health workers at primary care sites and nurse practitioners at mental health clinics; implementing special case management services for dually diagnosed clients; and initiating an elder Mental Health Outreach program with the close cooperation of Aging and Adult services; and

WHEREAS, MARGARET TAYLOR continues to play a significant role in assuring that all families have access to health care by serving as a prominent board member on numerous advisory commissions and committees in the larger Bay Area community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County expresses congratulations and sincere gratitude to MARGARET TAYLOR for more than twenty years of dedication to public service and to the promotion of the health and well-being of all San Mateo County residents.

DATED: November 9, 2004