

Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DESIGNATING JULY 25, 2009 AS THE

11th Annual Collard Greens Cultural Festival

WHEREAS, the COLLARD GREENS CULTURAL FESTIVAL was initiated by the Shule Mandela Academy in 1998 to raise funds for the Academy's education programs in East Palo Alto; and

WHEREAS, the Shule Mandela Academy offered a unique educational experience rooted in an African Centric curriculum that educated and enlightened students from kindergarten through eighth grade; and

WHEREAS, the COLLARD GREENS CULTURAL FESTIVAL was created by the Academy to celebrate a rich and diverse cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, Collard Greens, which originated in Africa, have continued to be a staple in the African American diet; and

WHEREAS, the tradition of cooking collard greens continues to be passed down through families from generation to generation; and

WHEREAS, this festival has become a permanent part of our culture and community of East Palo Alto, California; and

WHEREAS, this is the 11th year of the COLLARD GREENS CULTURAL FESTIVAL, the only known festival to be held west of the Mississippi River to celebrate African American culture.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby congratulates the Shule Mandela Academy and the Collard Greens Cultural Committee for bringing people together to celebrate this tradition and for their dedication to sustaining this rich cultural heritage.

Dated: July 25, 2009

SUPERVISORS:

MARK CHURCH, PRESIDENT

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Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors