



**RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY CITIES
ASSOCIATION, SUPPORTING SANTA CLARA COUNTY
SUICIDE PREVENTION STRATEGIC PLAN**

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara County Cities
Association that**

WHEREAS, Surgeon General, Dr. David Satcher, in his 1999 "Call to Action to Prevent Suicide" stated suicide in the United States is a serious public health issue and the most preventable form of death; and,

WHEREAS, the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention: Goals and Objectives for Action promotes "*increasing the proportion of family, youth and community service providers and organizations with evidence-based suicide prevention programs*" (Objective 4.7); and,

WHEREAS, Santa Clara County loses an average of a hundred and forty individuals in recent years to suicide, and many other residents attempt suicide or express suicidal thoughts, making this a significant public health issue; and

WHEREAS, almost all Santa Clara County cities annually have residents of all races, gender, ages, and other social characteristics either express, attempt, or die by suicide, affecting many members of our communities, making this a community matter requiring collective action; and,

WHEREAS, it is essential to support the Santa Clara County Suicide Prevention Strategic Plan goals to 1) reduce number of deaths by suicide, 2) increase awareness and understanding of suicidal deaths and what to do, 3) improve data collection, monitoring and follow up, and, 4) have residents respond to a person in need; and

WHEREAS, educating people on suicide risk factors, warning signs, and protective factors and removing stigma about mental health treatment, recovery and resiliency is enlightened action; and,

WHEREAS, Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, along with the leadership and staff of the Mental Health Department, the members of the Suicide Prevention Advisory Committee (SPAC) and the many public participants, has sought to prevent suicide by holding public meetings and discussion sessions and approving a county prevention plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Cities Association, hereby proclaims adoption of the Santa Clara County Suicide Prevention Strategic Plan, and calls upon all cities, citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools to join us in our vision to prevent death by suicide and create a healthier and safer community.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED: September 9, 2010

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: BAKER, BRYANT, CASAS, HAMILTON, KLEIN, LICCARDO, MAHAN, MILLER, PERRY, PIRZYNSKI,
SUMMIT, TATE, WANG

NOES:

ABSENT: LIVENGOOD, PINHEIRO

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David Casas, President
Santa Clara County Cities Association
September 9, 2010