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MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Supervisors
County Executive
Clerk of the Board

From: Cindy Chavez 
President, Board of Supervisors

Date: April 7, 2020

Re: April 7, 2020 Board Meeting, Adjournments in honor and memory of Santa Clara County who have lost and will lose their lives to the COVID-19 Virus.

On Tuesday, April 7, 2020 the Board will adjourn in honor of those who have lost and will lose their lives to the COVID-19 Virus in Santa Clara County. In 1995 President Clinton addressed the families of those who perished in the Oklahoma City explosion by saying, you have lost too much, but you have not lost America. As President of the Board of Supervisors, I wish to convey a similar message. You have lost too much in this tragedy, but you have not lost the caring, the support, and the prayers of your fellow county residents. In that spirit, I ask that all County flags be flown at half-mast to honor their memory. The flags will remain at half-mast until we begin to exit this crisis.

When we return the flags to their full height, we will do so in honor of our community heroes. A pandemic is a time of fear. Yet some individuals overcame that fear to stand tall and assist other persons, often at high risk to themselves. They demonstrated a level of dedication and compassion that can never be adequately repaid. Without them, many of our most vulnerable friends, family members, and neighbors would have faced more severe suffering and hardship.

Among these heroes, we include:

- Medical professionals: doctors, nurses, respiratory therapists, custodial workers, hospital staff
- IHSS workers and other caregivers
- Essential workers: grocery clerks, stock handlers, delivery drivers, bus drivers
- Public safety officials: police, firefighters, emergency service providers

- Teachers and child care workers
- Post Office staff and letter carriers

As well as:

- Non-Profit Partners who continued to provide essential community support while reeling from the direct impacts of COVID-19 to their own organizations
- Business leaders who have stepped up to be community leaders in this time of crisis
- And our entire community who rose to the moment by sheltering at home, checking in with their neighbors and making selfless sacrifices to everyday life