

BEFORE THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MORAGA

In the Matter of:

Recognition of the 80th anniversary of Saint Mary's College) Resolution No. 10-2009
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Whereas Saint Mary's College is a Catholic, Lasallian, liberal arts college, rooted in the life and work of Saint John Baptist de La Salle, founder of the Christian Brothers and the patron saint of teachers, founded in 1863 in San Francisco and later relocated to Oakland until 1928; and

Whereas Saint Mary's College opened on the current site in Moraga, California, in 1928; and

Whereas Saint Mary's has contributed greatly to the educational, cultural and economic vitality of the Moraga community; and

Whereas Saint Mary's College is host to the worldwide presence of the Congregation of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, who with their lay colleagues educate more than 900,000 students in 80 countries; and

Whereas more than 35,000 individuals have earned college degrees at Saint Mary's, leading to every imaginable career path; and

Whereas Saint Mary's alumni have settled in all 50 states, have a global reach and take a piece of Moraga with them; and

Whereas the Saint Mary's Graduate Business Department has produced scores of corporate leaders who oversee multimillion dollar companies and supervise thousands of employees worldwide; and

Whereas the School of Education has produced world-class teachers who are educating millions of students worldwide; and

Whereas Saint Mary's College rose to the challenge and offered itself as a site for the U.S. Naval flight training program during World War II, and during this time a young naval lieutenant, Lt. Gerald R. Ford, trained pilots at Saint Mary's and later became the 38th president of the United States; and

Whereas Brother Mel Anderson, former president of Saint Mary's, was named Moraga's 1994 Citizen of the Year in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the community; and

Whereas Saint Mary's College has an annual budget of \$100 million, of which nearly half is payroll to local employees primarily in Contra Costa County; and

Whereas Saint Mary's College is the largest single employer in Moraga employing more than 1,000 full time non-student employees; and

Whereas Saint Mary's College vendors purchase more than \$7 million in goods and services from local businesses annually; and

Whereas Saint Mary's College brings more than 3,500 students to Moraga every year, with student purchasing power that contributes more than \$200,000 in local sales tax revenue which goes directly to the Moraga general fund; and

Whereas Saint Mary's athletic department has brought national and international attention to the Town of Moraga through its sporting teams, including basketball, baseball, softball, crew and others that have entertained and thrilled the Moraga community and brought regional and national media attention to Moraga; and

Whereas Saint Mary's attracts world-renowned artists, authors, scholars, musicians and political leaders who share their unique talents not only with the student community, but with the Moraga community; and

Whereas Saint Mary's opens up its facilities to countless youth programs, football clinics, yearbook camps, service clubs and senior activities which enrich the Moraga community; and

Whereas the residents of Moraga regularly enjoy the beauty, quiet and open space provided by the Saint Mary's campus; and

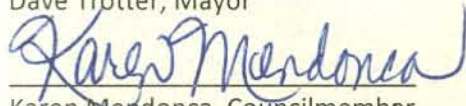
Whereas Saint Mary's College makes Moraga known worldwide,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Town of Moraga commends Saint Mary's College on 80 years of success and partnership, and recognize the valuable contribution Saint Mary's College makes to the residents of Moraga.

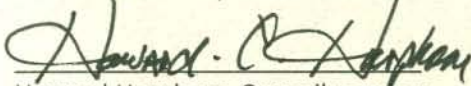
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Moraga at a meeting held on February 11, 2009 by the following vote:



Dave Trotter, Mayor



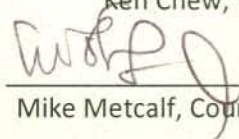
Karen Mendonca, Councilmember



Howard Harpham, Councilmember



Ken Chew, Vice Mayor



Mike Metcalf, Councilmember

