

# Resolution

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

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## Sobrato Family Foundation

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**WHEREAS**, *San Mateo County recognizes the importance of philanthropy in building strong and vibrant communities and fostering a shared sense of responsibility among all San Mateo County residents; and*

**WHEREAS**, *in order to support and encourage philanthropy and its positive effects, the Sobrato Family Foundation has played a dynamic and integral role in the emergence and growth of Silicon Valley in San Mateo County for nearly 70 years; and*

**WHEREAS**, *the Sobrato Family Foundation has a holistic view of philanthropy and has donated to nonprofit organizations ranging from preschool through university educational institutions, food banks, environmental organizations, public media outlets, health care providers, and job training organizations; and*

**WHEREAS**, *the Sobrato Family Foundation, since 1996, has gifted nearly \$139 million to nonprofits in San Mateo County; and*

**WHEREAS**, *the Sobrato Family Foundation is dedicated to helping create and sustain a dynamic and healthy Silicon Valley community, and seeks to inspire current and future generations of San Mateo County residents to dedicate their lives to the service of others; and*

**WHEREAS**, *in April 2012, John A. and Sue Sobrato, joined the “Giving Pledge” initiative started by Warren Buffett and Bill and Melinda Gates. In accordance with the Pledge, the Sobrato Family has declared that 100% of their wealth be given away during their lifetimes, or left to the Sobrato Family Foundation.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** *that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby honors and commends the Sobrato Family Foundation.*

*Dated: November 20, 2012*

SUPERVISORS:

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**ADRIENNE J. TISSIER, President**

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**DAVE PINE**

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**CAROLE GROOM**

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**DON HORSLEY**

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**ROSE JACOBS GIBSON**

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
**Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors**