

RESOLUTION

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

Bill Somerville Philanthropic Ventures Foundation On 25 Years of Creative Grantmaking

WHEREAS, Philanthropic Ventures Foundation was founded in 1991 by Bill Somerville, a veteran of the foundation world who previously served as the Executive Director of the Peninsula Community Foundation, now known as the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, for 16 years; and

WHEREAS, Philanthropic Ventures Foundation has awarded over \$120,000,000.00 in grants to date, specializes in creative giving programs customized to donor's interests and has distinguished itself with its quick-response, high-impact grant model; and

WHEREAS, Bill Somerville has consulted with over 400 community and family foundations in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom, taught philanthropy at Stanford University and developed and taught the country's first community college level philanthropy course at Oakland's Laney Community College; and

WHEREAS, Bill Somerville authored "Grassroots Philanthropy: Field Notes of a Maverick Grantmaker" with Fred Setterberg in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Bill Somerville is a founding member of the National Advisory Board, Haas Center for Public Service, Stanford University, and has a Bachelor's and Master's degree from the University of California at Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, Bill Somerville's career has spanned 50 years in nonprofit work and has made significant contributions to the health and well-being of the residents of San Mateo County and surrounding communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County congratulates and commends Bill Somerville and Philanthropic Ventures Foundation on 25 Years of Creative Grantmaking. The Board hereby expresses its gratitude and extends sincere wishes to Bill and Philanthropic Ventures Foundation for many more years of success and excellence.

Dated: March 8, 2016

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