

RESOLUTION

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

The Wisnom Family

2016 San Mateo County Historical Association's
"History Makers" Award Recipient

WHEREAS, *THE WISNOM FAMILY* story begins in San Mateo County with the arrival of Robert WISNOM, an Irish immigrant who knew how to build things, arriving on the Peninsula in 1873 having accepted the opportunity to work on the beautiful Parrott Estate, "Baywood," just west of the small village of San Mateo; and

WHEREAS, Robert **WISNOM**, after returning to Ireland, marrying Sarah Donnan and returning to the mid-Peninsula, not only made it the generational home of **THE WISNOM FAMILY**; but also, engaged in building many well-constructed commercial buildings and residential homes in San Mateo, some of which stand, today, as historic sites; and

WHEREAS, Robert **WISNOM** established the mid-Peninsula's first bank (the Bank of San Mateo), supported a variety of community and charitable causes, sat on the first San Mateo City Council during a time when San Mateo grew tenfold, much in part due to his hard work; and

WHEREAS, Robert **WISNOM**'s five sons also became important builders and leaders of the mid-Peninsula: John **WISNOM** operated an important lumber company; Robert J. **WISNOM** created the enduring **WISNOM**'s Hardware store; Samuel **WISNOM** become a designer, contractor, and builder of commercial buildings and some of the loveliest homes of San Mateo Park, Burlingame, and Hillsborough; David **WISNOM** was the banker of **THE WISNOM FAMILY** becoming the major owner and manager of the National Bank of San Mateo (his son, David **WISNOM**, Jr., later managed the bank which eventually merged with Crocker Bank); and

WHEREAS, Robert **WISNOM**'s two daughters, Jane **WISNOM** and Anne **WISNOM** were important to the development of **THE WISNOM FAMILY** holdings through the **WISNOM** Company and participated as leaders in the society life of old San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, long after the second generation passed, subsequent **WISNOM FAMILY** members continued to shepherd economic growth with holdings that eventually stretched out to many other parts of California while always remaining an enduring, local, heritage resource of San Mateo and San Mateo County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby gratefully commends **THE WISNOM FAMILY** for their exemplary leadership and commitment to the community of San Mateo and San Mateo County and wishes well as the recipients of the 2016 San Mateo County Historical Association's "History Maker" Award.

Dated: September 21, 2016

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