## COMMENDING JIM HENDERSON AS NOVATO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE "2005 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR"

**WHEREAS**, Novato Chamber of Commerce selects a Novato citizen with an abiding commitment to the welfare of the community to receive the Citizen of the Year award, and this year's recipient is Jim Henderson; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Henderson is a fifty-three year resident of Novato and leads a life of service, selflessness and commitment that shows no sign of slowing down; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Henderson is a tenacious and effective public servant, role model and leader who served a four-year term on the Novato City Council, including one year as Mayor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Henderson is one of Novato's quiet but tireless community volunteers; many local organizations and the communities they serve have benefited from his dedication, commitment and service including Novato Rotary, Novato Senior Citizens Club, Our Lady of Loretto Church, Audubon Society, Marin Agricultural Land Trust, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Knights of Columbus, Novato Multicultural Commission, Novato Garden Club, Novato Human Needs Center, Novato Chamber of Commerce, Novato Business and Education Roundtable, among many others;" and

WHEREAS, Mr. Henderson is an admirable and generous individual who has spent countless hours sharing his time as a judge for speech and debate events, as a hands-on helper at Homeward Bound, parking cars for both the Senior Health Fair and Novato Art and Wine Festival, manning booths, serving, cleaning and flipping pancakes; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Henderson is a proud servant to his country and a decorated WWII veteran; he received a Silver Star for Gallantry in Action and was recognized with the Combat Infantryman's Badge and Good Conduct Medal; he continues to serve in leadership roles for the Timberwolves, a group of veterans from his U.S. Army Infantry Division who have remained friends over fifty years after serving together; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Henderson is a true gentleman, always treating people with respect and dignity; he is a person of unbending integrity, a devoted family man and an inspiration to those he comes in contact with.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Marin County Board of Supervisors commends Jim Henderson for his many contributions to the Novato community, and congratulates him on being the Novato Chamber of Commerce's "2005 Citizen of the Year."

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 7th day of February, 2006, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS Charles McGlashan, Harold C. Brown, Jr., Steve Kinsey,

Cynthia L. Murray, Susan L. Adams

NOES: SUPERVISORS None

ABSENT: SUPERVISORS None