

**HONORING  
JOHN A. GOVI**

**WHEREAS**, although he was born in Vallejo of Italian immigrants, Marin County rightfully claims John A. Govi as one of its own native sons. It is said of John that his “heart, soul and pride were always with his family, friends and community” and he has demonstrated that spirit and commitment to all of us throughout his many years in Marin; and

**WHEREAS**, John’s dedication to serving on the Board of Directors of the St. Vincent’s School for Boys earned him the prestigious Vincentian award in 1991; the same year that he also received the honor of being named as Marin County Volunteer of the Year; and

**WHEREAS**, together with Mario Ghilotti he formed the Marin Athletic Foundation, and from the early 80s to mid 90s served both on the Board of Directors and as President, earning a well-deserved induction into the Marin Athletic Foundation Hall of Fame; and

**WHEREAS**, John also served with distinction on the City of San Rafael’s Parks and Recreation Commission, and was the City’s representative to the Marin/Sonoma Mosquito Abatement District. He was a member of the San Rafael Rotary Club, the Marvelous Marin Breakfast Club, Club Italia and “Jordano’s” Pheasant Club; and

**WHEREAS**, in his “real” job he was known as “Mr. AAA” and served as chief of Marin County operations for the California State Automobile Assoc from 1972 until his retirement in 1987, leaving a legacy that still defines the prominence that CSAA enjoys throughout the County of Marin; and

**WHEREAS**, we are quite certain that John would consider his greatest accomplishment to be his lifelong marriage to childhood sweetheart Connie Coleman Govi, and the loving and wonderful family they created together with sons Richard, Jack and Bob. Known affectionately as “Papa” to his five grandchildren, his indomitable spirit and zest for life will continue to live on forever in the hearts and minds of all who love him, and who he has loved so well.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin gratefully acknowledges all that John A. Govi has done to make our community a better place. *Resto nella pace*, John, and thank you.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 19th day of September 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