

COMMENDING
Dr. Daniel A. Collins, D.D.S, M.S.D., F.I.C.D. - Retired Dentist,
Businessman, Entrepreneur and Civic Giant

WHEREAS, Dr. Daniel A. Collins graduated from A.B. Paine College in 1936 and Meharry Medical College in 1942, and began his work in San Francisco in 1943 as a Research Assistant at the University of California, San Francisco, eventually becoming the first African American professor in the School of Dentistry; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Dr. Collins' had a strong concern for public education and played a leadership role in a number of organizations, including being the first African American appointed to the California State Board of Education, where he served from 1962-1968; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Collins served for over 30 years as both a member and Chairman of the Board of Trustees for his alma mater, Paine College, ultimately leading to the naming of the Collins-Calloway Library and Learning Resource Center in his honor; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Collins has made diverse civic contributions, serving with dozens of organizations, including being a founder of Lifehouse of Marin (formerly MARC), co-founder of the San Francisco Bay Area Urban League and board member of the local chapter of the NAACP; and on the national level as a board member of both the National Urban League and Radio Free Europe, ultimately leading to his appointment by President John F. Kennedy to the National Health Resources Advisory Committee, where he served throughout the Nixon Administration; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Collins is a Life member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the oldest African American college fraternity and the only surviving charter member of Gamma Chi Lambda, the San Francisco Alumni Chapter of that fraternity; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Collins was also an entrepreneur in the business world, beginning in the 1950's when he was one of the founders of the Beneficial Savings and Loan Association in Oakland, where he worked as secretary of the firm until it was merged with Fidelity Savings and Loan Company in 1963; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, the results of his efforts on the State Board of Education earned him the distinction of being elected to the Board of Directors of Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich as the first African American elected to the board of a major publishing house in the United States, ultimately becoming the company's Executive Director, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Collins has been honored by many organizations for his many accomplishments, including our own Human Rights Commission in 2001; and has been recognized in numerous publications including: *American Men of Science*, *Who's Who in the West*, *Who's Who in American Dentistry* and *Who's Who among Black Americans*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marin County Board of Supervisors does hereby gratefully commend Dr. Daniel Collins for his extraordinary and diverse contributions to the people of our County, State and Nation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 13th day of March 2007.