

**COMMENDING
BEVERLY WRIGHT BASTIAN
2007 HONOREE OF THE MARIN WOMEN’S HALL OF FAME**

WHEREAS, in the 1950s, Beverly radically reorganized Belvedere Nursery School, turning it into a parent-run cooperative with a professional staff, many of them local women with education degrees and credentials. The California State Department of Social Welfare subsequently used the school as a model for others in the state. She established five more developmental nursery schools. Two deserve special note: Marin Child Development Center for neurologically handicapped preschool, and Maringate, believed to be the first cross-cultural, interracial nursery school in Marin; and

WHEREAS, in 1959, Beverly founded the Landmarks Society, an organization that acquires, preserves and maintains artifacts, landmarks, and open space of local historic significance and makes them available to the public. Under her watchful eye, the Landmarks Society has become known for it’s brilliant successes and trusted for it’s superb management; and

WHEREAS, Beverly was among the first to recognize that Marin’s growing population needed professional, sophisticated mental health and family counseling services available in a central location. She spearheaded the agency’s services and it’s relocation to San Rafael. She also co-founded the Tiburon Thrift Shop, an ecumenical charity whose proceeds benefit the outreach programs of St. Stephen’s, St Hilary, Westminster Presbyterian, Community Congregational churches, and the Landmarks Society; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Beverly has demonstrated qualities of outstanding of imagination, dedication, perseverance, and leadership, although her ideas have not always been received with great acclaim at first, indeed, some with resistance. Her ideas are so far-ranging that at times she seems to be taking on too much. But with her enthusiasm and perseverance, as well as her fund-raising efforts, she brought people along and made impossible things happen; and

WHEREAS, in the fields of early childhood education, conservation, preservation, mental health and family life, Beverly Bastian has created enduring institutions that with a sense of community and given the community a solid foundation and a springboard for future action and change.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Marin County Board of Supervisors recognizes Beverly Wright Bastian on the occasion of her induction in the Marin Women’s Hall of Fame.

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

Susan L. Adams – Supervisor, District 1

Judy Arnold – Supervisor, District 5

Steve Kinsey – President

Clerk