

**HONORING  
MIKE MITCHELL  
FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO DEVELOPING THE  
LOVE OF MUSIC IN MARIN'S CHILDREN**

**WHEREAS**, Mike Mitchell opened his music store, the Magic Flute, over 34 years ago which to this day continues to be a locally owned, single-location business; and

**WHEREAS**, Mike Mitchell's passion for music has created a place of wonder as children come to his store for lessons, to rent an instrument to play in their school bands, or to purchase an instrument or sheet music to take home; and

**WHEREAS**, many of the children who walk through the door are accompanied by parents who, as children themselves, took lessons, rented instruments or ultimately walked out with their very own instrument; and

**WHEREAS**, through the generations, Mike Mitchell has been 100% focused on the child in front of him, encouraging each student no matter what his or her natural talent is, teaching that striving yields the simple reward of getting better, and that learning to play an instrument is the tool for learning from listening and practicing and extends to so many other areas essential to a growing mind; and

**WHEREAS**, the musical heritage in Marin County wouldn't be the same without Mike Mitchell, who loves and understands the whole creative process, and has loved the experience of sharing it with others through his store; and

**WHEREAS**, now Mike Mitchell is retiring to spend more time with his other loves, including playing tennis with anyone who will play him, and playing the oboe, a skill that he shared for years on the College of Marin Community Orchestra.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Marin County Board of Supervisors recognizes and honors Mike Mitchell for his extraordinary commitment to Marin's children and community, passing on to them the love of music.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 13th day of April 2010.