

**RECOGNIZING  
POLA MARTINO  
2010 MARIN COUNTY ITALIAN-AMERICAN CITIZEN OF THE YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus Day Civic Committee of the Cristoforo Colombo Club of Marin annually honors leading Italian-Americans in our community and this year is recognizing Pola Martino, as 2010 Marin County Italian-American Citizen of the Year; and

**WHEREAS**, Pola Martino was born on April 2, 1933 in San Francisco, the younger of two daughters of Eva Toschi Massoni and Ruggero Massoni. Pola's father's family was from the village of Pieve San Paolo in Tuscany and her mother's family was from Marlia, also on the outskirts of Lucca. Pola's parents were married at St. Peter and Paul Church in North Beach in San Francisco; and

**WHEREAS**, an accomplished student during her years at Galileo High School, Pola graduated in 1950 and went to work at Hibernia Bank, and later moved to Augusta, Georgia to be near her high school sweetheart and husband, Joe Martino, worked as a physician's assistant while he was in the service; and

**WHEREAS**, Pola and Joe returned to the Bay Area and Pola began what she considered her "main career", homemaker and mother, raising six children, Richard, Paul, Steven, Michael, Daniel and daughter Marian. Pola and Joe are proud grandparents of fourteen and were able to gather the entire family together in the summer of 2007 in a villa in San Pietro a Vico, in the outskirts of Lucca; and

**WHEREAS**, Pola and Joe have lived in Marin County for forty one years, during which Pola earned her AA Degree from College of Marin. Pola put her accounting skills to work participating in the AARP Tax Assistance Program for 20 years as a tax preparer for the elderly and low income individuals. Pola also served as President and Treasurer of the Auxiliary for the Nazareth House, consistently helping elderly residents (including priests) with paperwork including correspondence, insurance, health care documents and income tax preparation. Pola also served as Coordinator of the Junior Volunteers, worked in the Arts and Crafts department and chaired various committees; and

**WHEREAS**, Pola also served her parish, St. Isabella's in Terra Linda, in many capacities, as well as the St. Vincent De Paul Society, the Matthew Five Helping Hands Group, St. Vincent's School for Boys and six years as coach of the Special Olympics Program. Pola thinks of herself as "a professional room mother" as she served as one throughout the grade school of all of her children and was involved in the politics of their schools sometimes as an officer and always as a volunteer where ever needed; and

**WHEREAS**, Pola's husband, Joe, proudly refers to Pola as "the consummate mother, grandmother, and mother-in-law; all about helping people, typically in a very quiet way." Pola also serves as the only female on a seven person bocce team. Pola has made an indelible impression on the many people she has touched and the organizations she has selflessly served.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin does hereby recognize Pola Martino as "2010 Marin County Italian-American Citizen of the Year", for her many contributions, personal and professional, to the people of the County of Marin.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 5th day of October 2010.