

Family Bridges, Inc. 44th Anniversary

WHEREAS, Family Bridges, Inc. will celebrate its 44th Annual Fundraising Dinner on Saturday, June 2, 2012; *and*

WHEREAS, Family Bridges, works to empower the most vulnerable- the young, the elderly, immigrants, those with health conditions, and those with limited English proficiency, especially in the Asian Community lead self-sufficient, independent lives; *and*

WHEREAS, Family Bridges has been at the forefront of providing services for monolingual and limited- English proficient (LEP) Asian seniors ; *and*

WHEREAS, since its founding in 1968 by a small group of Oakland Chinatown leaders, Family Bridges, Inc. has taken action and found solutions for challenges faced by low-income, limited-English proficient families and seniors; *and*

WHEREAS, after the 1965 Immigration and Nationality Act was signed, causing a massive migration of Chinese immigrants to the United States, Family Bridges developed Information and Referral services, Social Services and secured funding to meet the growing community need; *and*

WHEREAS, after the passage of the 1982 California Employment and Training Act, Family Bridges developed its own employment and training program, reaching thousands of community members; *and*

WHEREAS, in response to the passage of the Welfare Reform Act in 1996, which cut many community members of their safety net, Family Bridges mobilized the community to advocate for funding and services; implemented an education campaign about the effects of welfare reform, created an emergency food program, and designed an emergency response plan for clients who might become homeless; *and*

WHEREAS, Family Bridges, has devoted 44 years of service and continues to improve the well being of the residents of Alameda County, and in particular the children and seniors.

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that this Board of Supervisors, County of Alameda, State of California, does hereby join colleagues, friends and family as they celebrate the noble mission of Family Bridges Inc. and its many years of dedicated service to the betterment of Alameda County families.

NATE MILEY, President
Supervisor, Fourth District

May 22, 2012

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Supervisor, Fifth District

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