COMMENDING

PLANNED FERALHOOD OF WEST MARIN

WHEREAS, the proliferation of feral cats is having a devastating impact on the wild birds of Marin County and across the United States, and

WHEREAS, stray and feral cats endure inhumane conditions, and are often starving and suffering from disease, and

WHEREAS, Planned Feralhood is a grassroots organization formed in August, 2002 to address the growing feral cat population in West Marin, and

WHEREAS, Planned Feralhood using the "Trap-Neuter-Return" method, providing a humane, effective and cost-efficient means of reducing feral cat populations, and stopping the cycle of breeding, trapping and killing of animals; and

WHEREAS, over time, the Trap-Neuter-Return method has been demonstrated across the United States to be the most effective method of addressing feral cat colonies, and

WHEREAS, Planned Feralhood, working closely with West Marin residents, students and organizations, has assisted over 200 cats with veterinary care, 60 of which were kittens which have been rescued, socialized and adopted throughout Marin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marin County Board of Supervisors does hereby commend Planned Feralhood for its dedication in utilizing the "Trap-Neuter-Return" program in West Marin, and further, encourages the residents of West Marin to assist and support Planned Feralhood in its activities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 25th day of November 2003, by the following vote:

AYES:	SUPERVISORS	Susan L. Adams, Harold C. Brown, Jr., Steve Kinsey, Cynthia L. Murray, Annette Rose
NOES:	SUPERVISORS	None
ABSENT:	SUPERVISORS	None