## City of Palo Alto PROCLAMATION

## CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH

WHEREAS, the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) has eight chapters in the State of California, namely: Silicon Valley Chapter, Sacramento Chapter, San Francisco Chapter, Central Coast Chapter, Los Angeles Chapter, Los Angeles – Civic Center Chapter, Orange County Chapter, and San Diego Chapter; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Government Accountants has a network of around 14,000 members in 89 chapters in the United States and around the world and approximately 1,200 active members representing state, federal, municipal and private sector accountants, auditors, and financial managers in California; and

WHEREAS, the AGA - Silicon Valley Chapter, which covers the City of Palo Alto, members have responded to AGA's mission of Advancing Government Accountability, as it continues its broad educational efforts, with emphasis on high standards of conduct, honor, and character in its Code of Ethics, and are making significant advances both in professional ability and in service to the citizens of the City of Palo Alto by mastering increasingly technical and complex requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) program of AGA provides a means of demonstrating professionalism and competency by requiring CGFM candidates to have appropriate educational and employment history, to abide by AGA's Code of Ethics and to pass a 3-part examination requiring expertise in Governmental Environment, Governmental Financial Management and Control, and Governmental Accounting, Financial Reporting and Budgeting, and requires each CGFM holder to maintain certification by completing at least 80 hours of continuing professional education in government financial management topics or related technical subjects every two years.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, YORIKO KISHIMOTO, Mayor of City of Palo Alto, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2007 as CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER MONTH.

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YORIKO KISHIMOTO Mayor

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