

Leadership Morgan Hill  
Century of Leadership Excellence  
1906-2006

# Proclamation

*Whereas*, in this Centennial year of the City of Morgan Hill, its residents are honoring those whose contributions helped make Morgan Hill the exceptional community it is today;

*Whereas*, Leadership Morgan Hill is an organization devoted to inspiring future leaders to selfless community service, and recognizes that spirit in its community's founders;

*Whereas*, these individuals are deserving of an

## Honorary Leadership Excellence Award

LEONARD COATES, a world-renowned horticulturist with unsurpassed expertise on processing prunes and other fruits;

SADA COE, a cowgirl and poet who donated her beloved ranchland to the State of California to become Henry W. Coe State Park;

CATHERINE MURPHY DUNNE, who established a tuition-free school for boys;

GEORGE EDES, who published Morgan Hill's first newspaper and served as its first postmaster;

EMILIO & EMILIA GUGLIELMO, who established their family's still-thriving winery in Morgan Hill in 1925;

RUDOLF HENCKEN, a generous developer who built and donated a new City Hall to Morgan Hill;

HIRAM MORGAN HILL, who gave his name to this town by virtue of his home being the railroad stop where people asked to disembark;

DIANA MURPHY HILL, secretly married to Hiram Morgan Hill, was the daughter of Daniel and granddaughter of Martin Murphy;

MINNIE "MA" KELL, who ran a very popular and successful recreation and social venue along Uvas Creek in the early 1900's;

ISOLA KENNEDY, who, at the expense of her own life, saved five boys from attack by a mountain lion;

BERNARD MACHADO, a hard working rancher and landowner who generously donated land for now-historic Machado School;

JITSUKO "JITSI" MINAMI, a selfless source of energy and leadership for many community and charitable organizations;

JOHN MORENO, who served Morgan Hill with distinction for over 40 years as police chief, city manager and city councilmember;

MARTIN MURPHY SR., who led the first wagon train across the Sierra Nevada and acquired immense land holdings that included Morgan Hill;

JERE "J.W." SHELDON, a recognized cattle ranching authority who started Morgan Hill's fire district and co-founded the popular Madrone Rodeo;

JAN SMITH, a beloved planning commissioner and city councilmember who worked to preserve and protect Morgan Hill's environment;

JOHN TELFER, who served with distinction as the city's longest tenured mayor from 1931 to 1946;

A.S. VOTAW, who served as the first board president (now called mayor) for the new city of Morgan Hill in 1906;

HAROLD WARD, who served with distinction as a school board trustee in several Morgan Hill area school districts.

*Now, therefore*, be it resolved by the Board of Directors of Leadership Morgan Hill, that these past community leaders who established over a century of leadership excellence in Morgan Hill be recognized and this resolution presented in Morgan Hill, California, USA, on September 16, 2006.

*Steve Tate, President; Roger Knopf, Vice President; Jeff Roth, Treasurer; Eric McLean, Secretary*