



# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS,** The City of Cupertino wishes to recognize resident Anika Pallapothu on being named a Top 30 Finalist in the 2020 Broadcom MASTERS, a nationwide competition for middle schoolers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM); and

**WHEREAS,** As a seventh grader at The Harker School, Anika competed against over three thousand students in this rigorous virtual competition that leverages project-based learning to test and demonstrate mastery of 21<sup>st</sup> century skills of critical thinking, creativity, communication, and collaboration in each of the STEM areas; and

**WHEREAS,** For her project, Anika designed an artificial intelligence program to spot an eye disease called diabetic retinopathy, which is a leading cause of blindness; and

**WHEREAS,** Anika's program uses images of the retina to tell whether the disease is present, as well as the severity of the disease, with Anika reporting an accuracy rate of 95 percent; and

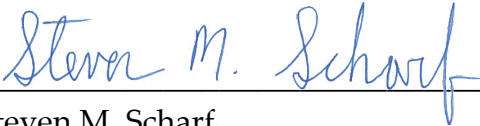
**WHEREAS,** The City of Cupertino commends Anika's achievement in utilizing her knowledge in STEM and her contributions to the community.

**THEREFORE,** I, Mayor Steven M. Scharf, and the Cupertino City Council do hereby congratulate

*Anika Pallapothu*

for her accomplishment and encourage Anika to continue developing STEM skills and bringing her ideas to life.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Cupertino to be affixed this Tuesday, October Twentieth, Two Thousand and Twenty.

  
Steven M. Scharf  
Mayor