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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CHARLES J. COVA COMMUNITY ACTION COMMISSIONS' CHAMPIONS AWARD RECIPIENT

WHEREAS, The Community Action Commissions' Mission Statement is dedicated to providing high-quality, culturally appropriate services and opportunities for low-income people of all ages as they maintain or achieve self-sufficiency while retaining their dignity and self-esteem. Established in 1964 Santa Barbara County's CAC is the designated agency to serve the needs of the low-income community; and

WHEREAS, Chuck emulates his favorite saying, "Service doesn't come from a manual, it comes from the heart" through his tireless advocacy for access and excellence in local healthcare; and

WHEREAS, for over 25 years Chuck has served Marian Hospital as Executive leader and President and has been instrumental in bringing technology and clinical advancements to the Central Coast, including the first full-body CT and MRI scanners and the development of the cardiac and cancer programs at Marian; and

WHEREAS, Chuck in 1999 led the campaign and dedicated team to open the 35-bed inpatient facility now known as Marian West, bringing an outdated hospital up to code and adding a much needed service to our community, and the infusion services and development of Marian's two Community Clinics in Santa Maria and Guadalupe, which traditionally serve our economically disadvantaged citizens, which were the first of its kind on the Central Coast; and

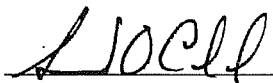
WHEREAS, Chuck is very proud of his participation in the development of the RN program at Allan Hancock College, today it has expanded to 40 RN and 40 LVN students per year, and in 2004, Chuck successfully facilitated the acquisition and transition of Arroyo Grande Community Hospital and French Hospital Medical Center in the CHW organization; and

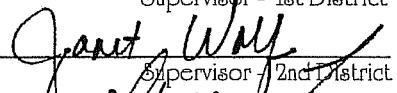
WHEREAS, with Chuck's inspired leadership in the longstanding goal of a new state-of-the-art, 188 bed hospital expansion for the growing needs of his community is coming to fruition.

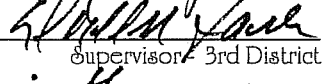
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED THAT this Board of Supervisors', County of Santa Barbara, State of California, also commend and honor a dedicated individual who has served his fellowman through out his life with compassion and service. Passed and adopted this 21st day of April 2009.

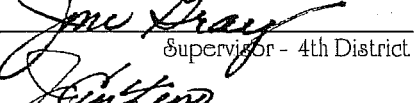


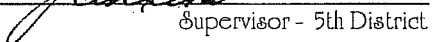
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