

Santa Barbara County of



RESOLUTION HONORING FRIENDSHIP ADULT DAY CARE CENTER SEMICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY (1976-2026)

WHEREAS, since its founding in 1976, Friendship Adult Day Care Center has provided innovative, person-centered programs that honor individuality, promote socialization, and foster a compassionate community for older adults experiencing forms of dementia and related conditions, including Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and Huntington's diseases, Vascular Dementia, Lewy Body Dementia, and Frontotemporal Dementia, while offering caregivers essential respite, education, and encouragement; and

WHEREAS, for five decades, Friendship Center has delivered individualized services that support physical health, emotional well-being, cognitive engagement, nutrition, and social connection, including bilingual programming in English and Spanish, thereby enabling older adults to maintain independence, dignity, safety, and purpose in a welcoming and engaging environment; and

WHEREAS, Friendship Center has provided a trusted, safe, nurturing, and uplifting environment for adults as a licensed Community Care program and accredited nonprofit organization, led by a highly trained and dedicated team of staff; and

WHEREAS, thousands of families across Santa Barbara County have received daytime respite, dementia-related education, information, referrals, and support throughout every stage of their journey, with services based at the organization's longstanding campus in partnership with All Saints-by-the-Sea Episcopal Church since 1979; and

WHEREAS, Friendship Center exemplifies a community-funded, proven, compassionate social-model of care, providing comprehensive fee assistance so that no individual is denied care due to financial barriers, and is distinguished nationwide as a unique nonprofit day program that makes a meaningful difference during a challenging time in the lives of many;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors does hereby acknowledge and honor Friendship Center Adult Day Care Center, celebrating fifty years of enduring commitment to compassionate care; its proven model of daily care services; its leadership and advocacy; and its dedication to improving quality of life for individuals and families; and extends sincere appreciation to its staff, volunteers, leadership, and supporters who have strengthened, sustained, and will ensure this vital support continues for years to come.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 7th day of July, 2026 by a unanimous vote of all members present



Maria Iniguez
ATTEST: Clerk of the Board

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