

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION FOR COMMENDATION FOR MEG BEARD EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH, NOVEMBER 2014

WHEREAS, Meg Beard began working for the Public Health Department on July 7, 1998 in the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program as a Lactation Specialist where she began coordinating the breastfeeding program;

WHEREAS, Meg brings expertise and creativity as a Registered Dietitian, Masters in Public Health, Master Certified Health Education Specialist, and International Board Certified Lactation Consultant;

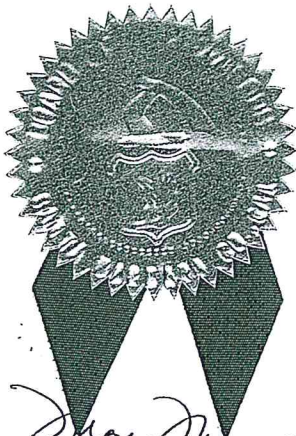
WHEREAS, Meg's leadership and collaboration with the entire WIC team have achieved a fully breastfeeding rate of over 37% in our WIC program, far exceeding the California rate of 21%, which earned her the CA WIC Association Best Practice Award for 'Exceptional Breastfeeding Promotion and Support'.

WHEREAS, Meg pioneered a two-way texting program responding to the population of Generation Y new mothers where Peer Lactation Counselors provide lactation support and individualized response that is a model for the entire country;

WHEREAS, Meg's creativity and passion continue to flourish providing an inspiration to her co-workers, a model for her children Sol and Sky, and a tremendous benefit to women and children throughout Santa Barbara County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors recognizes Meg Beard as the employee of the month for November 2014.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 4th day of November 2014 by the unanimous vote of the members present.



ATTEST:

Monique Sato
Clerk of the Board

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Supervisor - 1st District

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Supervisor - 2nd District

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