



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION FOR COMMENDATION FOR JOSE RUIZ EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH, APRIL 2024 CALIFORNIA

*WHEREAS, Jose Ruiz has been with the Public Health Department (PHD) for more than 30 years where he practices the County values of equity and inclusion and customer focus, delivering exceptional services to all so they can enjoy a safe, healthy and prosperous life.*

*WHEREAS, most of Jose's time serving is in the Health Care for the Homeless (HCH) Program as a Health Services Aide where he ensures that thousands of people experiencing homelessness in Santa Maria and Lompoc are receiving dignified life enhancing care and services; and*

*WHEREAS, Jose demonstrates an incredible level of compassion and dedication to support the unsheltered population by assisting with intake, registration, depression and substance use screening, social needs and a number of other duties; and*

*WHEREAS, Jose participates in a number of care management efforts as a team member in PHD's Street Medicine and Outreach program that address clients' health status and needs, and assists other health professionals with developing, updating, and implementing service plans; and*

*WHEREAS, Jose judiciously informs his client about other County services, and related community resources, provides information on health care, explains the need for and value of continuing care and arranges for it when possible; and*

*WHEREAS, Jose Ruiz never passes judgement, is always encouraging in his support of clients on their wellness journey, is thoughtful, kind and respectful, and has a tremendous sense of humor, and as Outreach Team member Public Health Nurse says, "He is a perfect colleague"!*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** on behalf of all Public Health Department employees that work each day toward the department's mission and vision, we honor Jose Ruiz as Santa Barbara County employee of the month for April 2024.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this second day of April, 2024, by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: *Monica Pineda*  
Clerk of the Board

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