

Santa Barbara County of

Barbara

RESOLUTION HONORING AMRITA SALM, Ph.D.

WHEREAS, Amrita Salm, Ph.D., is a long-time community leader in the Carpinteria area, widely recognized for her dedication to mental health awareness, suicide prevention, education, and local advocacy; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, Dr. Salm co-founded HopeNet of Carpinteria and has served as its Co-Founder and President, providing sustained, compassionate leadership to advance community mental wellness and suicide-prevention efforts. Through her leadership, HopeNet of Carpinteria has brought education, resources, and community-based support to residents, emphasizing collaboration as the foundation of its impact; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Salm has played a key role in organizing and presenting community education events, including the annual World Suicide Prevention Day Candlelight Vigil and community mental health and wellness fair, which honor lives lost, support survivors, and provide accessible, bilingual resources; and

WHEREAS, following her retirement from higher education, Dr. Salm devoted many years to volunteer leadership, including service on the Carpinteria Unified School District Board, youth support initiatives, fundraising, and local advocacy; and

WHEREAS, through decades of partnership with the Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness (formerly ADMHS) and other community partners, Dr. Salm's advocacy helped expand access to mental health services, including the launch of the START school-based counseling program within the Carpinteria Unified School District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara hereby recognizes and honors Amrita Salm, Ph.D., for her exceptional leadership and enduring contributions to the mental health and well-being of the Carpinteria community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that as Dr. Salm steps away from her leadership role at HopeNet of Carpinteria, the community expresses its sincere gratitude and appreciation for her lasting legacy of service, collaboration, and compassion.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 9 day of June, 2026 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



Mona Diaz
ATTEST: Clerk of the Board

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