

# County of Santa Barbara

## RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING KRISTEN HUGHES FOR 2025 CCMA PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

WHEREAS, Dr. Kristen Hughes joined the County of Santa Barbara Health Department on February 16, 2016 as a Staff Physician, and was promoted to Chief Physician of the Franklin Health Care Center in 2024. During her tenure at Franklin Health Center, she has advanced team-based care and did so with enthusiasm, energy, and vision. Dr. Hughes led and implemented an ambulatory pediatric residence clinic, and ensured patients with diabetics were screened for diabetic retinopathy through the successful implementation of the EyePACS robotic system providing one stop health care access for the patients at Franklin Health Center; and

WHEREAS, her combined passion for medicine and physical activity also lead her to pursue the UCSF Champion Provider Fellowship—addressing nutrition, physical activity, and chronic disease prevention in children. This fellowship helped her address upstream determinants of health, such as the social and environmental factors that shape well-being; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her clinic responsibilities, Dr. Hughes has remained highly engaged in the community, participating in school activities and representing the clinic in various forms. Dr. Hughes service to the underserved has been a cornerstone of her career, and reflects her deepest values as a physician. As a volunteer in Haiti, Africa and Central America, she witnessed firsthand the devastating impact of preventable diseases and this reinforced the extraordinary value of immunizations and public health infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hughes embraced the importance of service, which led her to become involved in advocacy work across many sectors and online platforms; her focus is intentional and her belief is it is essential for physicians to extend their leadership beyond the clinic walls, becoming advocates and partners in the community to address the broader social, economic, political, and environmental factors that influence health serves; and ultimately her heart and mission to serve the most vulnerable in our own local community inspired her to join the County of Santa Barbara Health Department; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara does hereby acknowledge Resolution Recognizing Kristen Hughes for 2025 CCMA Physician of the Year Award.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 23rd day of September, 2025 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



*Mona Higashimoto*  
ATTEST: Clerk of the Board

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