



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION HONORING  
SUZANNE GRIMMESEY  
AS THE SECOND DISTRICT  
COMMISSION FOR WOMEN SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT**

*WHEREAS, The Community Wellness Team was established after the Thomas Fire and 1/9 Debris Flow and has been working to support the community's emotional wellness and resilience ever since; and*

*WHEREAS, the Community Wellness Team is led by the Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness and co-chaired by the Institute for Collective Trauma and Growth and recognizes that people respond differently to trauma and may have different levels of need. For this reason the team provides a continuum of service ranging from crisis counseling, debriefings, school support, individual counseling, group or family counseling, grief counseling through the Intensive Outpatient "How We Heal" program offered through Cottage Health; and*

*WHEREAS, the Community Wellness Team is comprised of a collaboration of over 13 local agencies working together to support the wellness of our community and is available for response and support every day of the year. The organizations serving on the team include the Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness, Institute for Collective Trauma and Growth, American Red Cross Disaster Mental Health, California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, HOPE 805, Cottage Health, Hospice of Santa Barbara, Jewish Family Service of Greater Santa Barbara, Mental Wellness Center, National Association of Voluntary Organizations (VOAD), Santa Barbara County Psychological Association, Santa Barbara Response Network, Santa Barbara Unified School District, Sheriff Department Behavioral Sciences Unit and the Community Shul of Montecito and Santa Barbara; and*

*WHEREAS, the FEMA funded California HOPE 805 program has played a key role in ongoing community outreach, crisis counseling and education and will be greatly missed when this FEMA funded program concludes in April of 2019; and*

*WHEREAS, the Community Wellness Team will remain available as a system of support for our community and has contact information for the team available on the ReadySBC.org website under Health and Safety, Community Wellness Team; and*

*WHEREAS, Suzanne Grimesey, MFT, Chief Quality Care and Strategy Office with the Santa Barbara County Department of Behavioral Wellness, has provided outstanding community service, leadership, and inspiration for this critical team.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that this Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County declares Suzanne Grimesey, as the Second District Commission for Women Service Award Recipient.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019, by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: *Monica Puentes*  
Clerk of the Board

*Paul V. Hill* Supervisor - 1st District  
*Lyndy Hart* Supervisor - 2nd District  
*Joan Bauer* Supervisor - 3rd District  
*Paul Allen* Supervisor - 4th District  
*S. J. ...* Supervisor - 5th District