



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR
Alicia Duran, Kristen Mahurin and Juan Valdez
EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH, JUNE 2024**

WHEREAS, Custody Deputies Alicia Duran, Kristen Mahurin, and Juan Valdez exemplify the County's organizational values of Accountability, Customer Focus, Equity & Inclusion, Innovation, Trust and Ethics; and

WHEREAS, Custody Deputies Alicia Duran, Kristen Mahurin, and Juan Valdez model the transformative behaviors of Collaborative Problem Solving, Alignment with the County's Vision, Risk Taking, Data-Driven Decision Making, and Strategic Thinking; and

WHEREAS, in the Sheriff's Office's unwavering commitment to enhance the mental health and wellness of inmate patients facing mental health challenges, the Custody Operations Division, in collaboration with WellPath Health Services, embarked on the development of specialized mental health housing unit pilot programs at the Main Jail and Northern Branch Jail, designed to offer comprehensive services provided by mental health clinicians, program counselors, and community resource volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Custody Deputies Alicia Duran, Kristen Mahurin, and Juan Valdez have played integral roles, working in close partnership with service providers, were specially selected to lead these new specialty units on a daily basis due to their composed demeanor, constructive interactions with inmate patients, adept de-escalation skills, organizational prowess, sincere dedication to engagement and assistance, and their ability to ensure the security of both Custody staff and program participants; and

WHEREAS, Custody Deputies Alicia Duran, Kristen Mahurin, and Juan Valdez have been devoted to these specialty units since their July 3, 2023 inception, and their unwavering commitment has played a pivotal role in the success we have achieved thus far in alignment with the goals of the County and the Guiding Principles of the Sheriff's Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors recognizes Custody Deputies Alicia Duran, Kristen Mahurin, and Juan Valdez as the County employees of the month for June, 2024.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 4th day of June, 2024 by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

Monica Reynolds
Clerk of the Board

Paul Hill
Supervisor - 1st District

Lark Cooper
Supervisor - 2nd District

Joan Hartman
Supervisor - 3rd District

Bob Weber
Supervisor - 4th District

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Supervisor - 5th District