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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

Resolution No. 25-117

**RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR
YANERIS MUÑIZ, COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT
EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH, JUNE 2025**

WHEREAS, Yaneris Muñiz exemplifies the County's organizational values of Accountability, Customer Focus, Equity & Inclusion, Innovation, Trust, and Ethics; and

WHEREAS, Yaneris Muñiz models the transformative behaviors of Collaborative Problem Solving, Alignment with the County's Vision, Risk Taking, Data-Driven Decision Making, and Strategic Thinking; and

WHEREAS, Yaneris Muñiz joined the Behavioral Wellness Department in 2012 before being swooped up to the Office of Emergency Management in 2019 following her leadership in the Joint Information Center for multiple disasters including the Refugio Oil Spill, Thomas Fire and 1/9 Debris Flow. During these events Yaneris worked to ensure that emergency alerts and public information were accurate, timely and in both English and Spanish. She worked with county partners to create the unique Mass Alerting Generator (MAG) to support bilingual alerting moving forward; and

WHEREAS, once with the Office of Emergency Management, Yaneris Muñiz took it upon herself to become a leading expert in emergency alert and warning practices, policies and systems; leading a transformation of the County's alerting practices with enhanced policies based on national best practices and lessons learned, customer focused training, pre-scripting dozens of bilingual emergency alerts, and constant collaboration with private, local, state and federal partners; and

WHEREAS, Yaneris Muñiz has led the development and upcoming implementation of Genasys EVAC, the biggest change in community disaster information sharing Santa Barbara County has implemented since 2015. Project leadership included the coordination of 28 agencies to review and develop over 1,400 data points. She is providing training to over 500 public safety staff to prepare for the launch of the newly developed 535 emergency zones; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors recognizes Yaneris Muñiz as the employee of the month for June 2025.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 3rd day of June 2025 by the unanimous vote of the members present.