

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION HONORING JULIA MAYER AS THE FIRST DISTRICT COMMISSION FOR WOMEN SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT

WHEREAS, Julia Mayer is a small business owner, mother, partner, and volunteer community activist; and

WHEREAS, Julia Mayer volunteered her time and tireless energy as a founding member of the Carpinteria Skate Foundation that worked for over 20 years to bring the dream of a much-needed skate park to the City of Carpinteria; and

WHEREAS, Julia Mayer, on the heels of one enormous success, continues to give her time generously by founding another campaign, the Carpinteria Warrior Pool Foundation, with the goal of building a pool for the students of Carpinteria High School; and

WHEREAS, Julia Mayer further advocates for her community as a Board Member for the Citizens for the Carpinteria Bluffs; and

WHEREAS, Julia Mayer takes a pro-active role in affecting change for the betterment of lives of Santa Barbara County Residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors declares JULIA MAYER as the FIRST DISTRICT COMMISSION FOR WOMEN SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 12th day of March 2024 by unanimous vote of all members present.

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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION HONORING KAVYA SURESH CALIFORNIA

AS THE SECOND DISTRICT
COMMISSION FOR WOMEN SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT

WHEREAS, the 2024 Commission for Women of Santa Barbara County honors Kavya Suresh for her exemplary leadership on behalf of mental health, ethnic studies, criminal justice reform, women's rights and other social justice issues. She has used her voice to advocate on behalf of her student peers in many impactful ways throughout our community; and

WHEREAS, Kavya Suresh is the second-ever student board member for the Santa Barbara Unified School District during the 2022-2023 school year. She ran for the position because she felt it was the most direct way to impact change and increase transparency between students and the District. She learned how to advocate for herself and encouraged her peers to do the same; and

WHEREAS, as a board member, Kavya Suresh was an advocate of ethnic studies in the District's high school classrooms because she strongly believes in the importance of giving space to all people with diverse perspectives; and

WHEREAS, Kavya Suresh is active member of Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee's Young Feminists, ASB President of San Marcos High School, and recently was a keynote speaker at the Santa Barbara Women's March; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that approximately 50% of all mental health conditions begin by the age of 14 and 75% by the age of 24, emphasizing the critical role of early intervention and support for young individuals; and

WHEREAS, Kavya Suresh has been an advocate for Mental Health Education and Awareness and believes in the importance of investing in your mental health and establishing practices to improve your mental health; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors declares KAVYA SURESH as the SECOND DISTRICT COMMISSION FOR WOMEN SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 12th Day of March 2024, by the unanimous vote of all members present.

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RESOLUTION HONORING YASMIN DAWSON
AS THE THIRD DISTRICT
COMMISSION FOR WOMEN SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT

WHEREAS, Yasmin Dawson, aka "Ms. Yasmin," has exemplified outstanding dedication and service to the community of Santa Barbara County, particularly within the Third District; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Yasmin has been instrumental in fostering positive change through her role as President and Co-founder of C4 Lompoc Collective Cultures Creating Change, where she has provided strategic oversight, served as a spokesperson, and supervised various community projects aimed at empowering and uplifting marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Yasmin's efforts in commemorating the lives of Lompoc homicide victims, community events, and volunteering for causes such as the North County Rape Crisis Center, and creating a community garden, reflect her compassionate and tireless advocacy for those in need; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Yasmin has demonstrated exceptional leadership and commitment as President of the Islamic Center of Lompoc, providing strategic vision, overseeing administrative functions, and serving as the chief spokesperson for the organization; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Yasmin's advocacy for health equity, demonstrated through her participation in initiatives addressing health disparities in Santa Barbara County, showcases her unwavering dedication to improving the well-being of all community members; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Yasmin's involvement in various community organizations, including Savie Health, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and the local Democratic Club, highlights her commitment to social justice and equality for all; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors declares YASMIN DAWSON, as the THIRD DISTRICT COMMISSION FOR WOMEN SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 12th day of March, 2024, by the unanimous vote of all members present.

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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION HONORING KATHY SIMAS AS THE FOURTH DISTRICT COMMISSION FOR WOMEN SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT

WHEREAS, Kathy served her community for 20 years with the Santa Barbara Foundation, retiring as the North County Director; and

WHEREAS, Kathy oversaw many community events including the Celebration of Life luncheon; and WHEREAS, she worked with the Lompoc Record to create "Voices of World War II: A Lompoc Veterans History Project"; and

WHEREAS, Kathy served on the board of the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Kathy played a critical role in the formation of the Santa Barbara County Veterans Collaborative; and

WHEREAS, Kathy helped to create the North County Nonprofit Forum, the Celebrate Philanthropy Awards, and "Celebrating Community" Banner Exhibit; and

WHEREAS, Kathy serves on CASA's Childrens' Activity Committee and has been active with the Santa Maria Breakfast Rotary for seven years; and

WHEREAS, Kathy serves an advisor to the Santa Barbara County Veterans Collaborative and the San Luis Obispo Veterans Services Collaborative; and

WHEREAS, she serves as a resource to many small nonprofits by assisting them with connections to other organizations or individuals who can assist them with various needs; and

WHEREAS, Kathy believes in inclusivity and authentic community engagement, loves her community more than anything and has worked tirelessly to make it a better place; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors declares KATHY SIMAS as the FOUTH DISTRICT COMMISSION FOR WOMEN SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 12th day of March, 2024.

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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA OLUTION HONORING LOURDES RAMIREZ CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION HONORING LOURDES RAMIREZ AS THE FIFTH DISTRICT COMMISSION FOR WOMEN SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT

WHEREAS, Lourdes Ramirez is resilient, encouraging, and a source of change, hope, and healing in her community; and

WHEREAS, Lourdes Ramirez learned at a young age to reframe her challenges in school and within her family, and used those experiences to find strength and passion for nurturing her family, community, and clients; and

WHEREAS, Lourdes Ramirez worked as a counselor for over 40 years with the Santa Maria Youth and Family Agency, where she championed the community and strived to find services and individual resilience for the students and families she served; and

WHEREAS, Lourdes Ramirez saw the needs of her community and served as a liaison for various services, including initiating a collaboration with the Santa Barbara County Food Bank during the 2020 pandemic, and senior services that continue to this day; and

WHEREAS, during the unprecedented storms and destruction brought on by torrential rain and flooding in 2023, Lourdes Ramirez served as a liaison for emergency community services such as housing, food, clothes, crisis counseling, and critical documents that were needed; and

WHEREAS, Lourdes Ramirez was recently elected to the Guadalupe Union School District as a Trustee where her passion for children, especially children of immigrants like she once was, are given the tools and passion to be proud of their community, and are empowered to make change as they see it; and

WHEREAS, Lourdes Ramirez has been a beacon and a light for so many, that when her name is mentioned, they smile and pause to reflect on her character, determination, resilience, laughter, and firm belief in being able to make a change in her community and help those that cross her path; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors Lourdes Ramirez as the Fifth District Commission for Women service award recipient.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, on the 12th day of March 2024, by unanimous vote of all members present.

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