

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION HONORING JENARO VALDEZ
UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM
THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BEHAVIORAL WELLNESS DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, Jenaro Valdez has worked in the Behavioral Wellness Department since 2001, having served the Santa Barbara County's Alcohol and Drug division since that time; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career Jenaro has demonstrated leadership and vision in working to identify and implement strategies to improve system quality outcomes and ensure Santa Barbara County is in compliance with frequent changes in regulatory requirements for Drug Medi-Cal and SAMHSA; and

WHEREAS, Jenaro Valdez helped establish strong relationships with drug treatment community based organizations (CBO's) providing guidance and assistance with quality standards and regulations; and

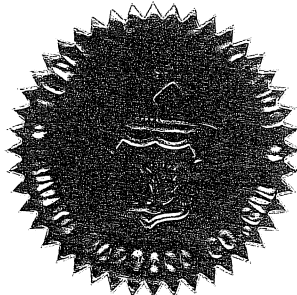
WHEREAS, in 2009 Jenaro Valdez became a volunteer Board member for Alano Club in Santa Barbara to ensure on-going services to local community members needing treatment services, and was awarded Volunteer of the Year in 2012 for his years of work in planning Recovery Happens month; and

WHEREAS, Jenaro Valdez has provided his technical expertise, local experience and keen insight in efforts to interpret complex State alcohol and drug regulations. His work includes streamlining reporting requirements for local, state and federal government agencies and providing a lay person's understanding to staff and CBO's. In addition, Jenaro worked to improve his knowledge and skills in the alcohol and drug field, on his own time and funding, by completing the Certified Addictions Treatment Counselor certification through Santa Barbara City College; and

WHEREAS, over his years at the County, Jenaro has consistently exhibited his unique sense of humor and shaped a pleasurable work environment filled with laughter, jokes and adventure stories.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors Jenaro Valdez for his 15 years of dedication to alcohol and drug treatment and commends him for his commitment to ensure clients receive excellent customer service and attention.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 12th day of July, 2016 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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Supervisor - 2nd District

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