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RESOLUTION HONORING ERIN MAKER AS THE FIRST DISTRICT COMMISSION FOR WOMEN SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to recognize and honor outstanding individuals whose work and service greatly contribute to the betterment of the community; and

WHEREAS, Erin Maker has demonstrated exceptional commitment to her community and has made extraordinary contributions as an advocate, leader, and mentor throughout her more than 15 years of dedicated service with the City of Carpinteria, where she has earned the city recognition and awards from various environmental bodies that highlight the city's environmental achievements, which reflect not only Erin's leadership but also the collective commitment of the entire community to sustainability; and

WHEREAS, as the Environmental Program Manager for the City of Carpinteria, Erin has dedicated over a decade to championing sustainable initiatives and lead transformative environmental projects including the successful launch of the city's first Sustainability and Environment Division, as well as the development of groundbreaking programs in watershed management and clean energy, all of which have contributed to the city's continued progress toward a greener, more sustainable future; and

WHEREAS, Erin's career has been fueled by a deep commitment to creating a resilient, eco-friendly community, where innovation, collaboration, and community engagement are at the forefront of every initiative; and

WHEREAS, Erin has worked tirelessly to engage with the Carpinteria community, organizing educational workshops, leading public outreach campaigns, and ensuring transparency in all city initiatives, continually striving to inspire and innovate for the betterment of her community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors declares Erin Marker as the 2025 First District Commission for Women Service Award Recipient.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 18 day of March 2025 by unanimous vote of all members present.



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COUNTY OF SANTABARBARA RESOLUTION HONORING JULISSA PEÑA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION HONORING JULISSA PEÑA AS THE SECOND DISTRICT COMMISSION FOR WOMEN SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT

WHEREAS, the 2025 Commission for Women of Santa Barbara County proudly recognizes Julissa Peña for her unwavering commitment to leadership, advocacy, and social justice, particularly in the areas of human rights, immigration defense, and community empowerment; and

WHEREAS, Julissa Peña serves as the Executive Director of the Immigrant Legal Defense Center, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing free, high-quality legal representation to individuals facing deportation proceedings, ensuring due process and justice for vulnerable communities; and

WHEREAS, Julissa Peña is a tireless advocate for immigrant rights, offering critical community education programs to equip individuals with the knowledge and tools necessary to understand and assert their civil and legal rights; and

WHEREAS, Julissa Peña has demonstrated her deep commitment to humanitarian efforts through her work with Border Angels and as an advocate for unaccompanied immigrant children, her service with the Center for Refugee, Gender Studies Immigration Advocates Network, and is a member of the Catholic Legal Immigration Network; and

WHEREAS, Julissa Peña actively collaborates with local philanthropic organizations, including the Fund for Santa Barbara, the Santa Barbara Foundation, and the Hutton Parker Foundation, to strengthen community resources and promote equity and justice; and

WHEREAS, Julissa Peña has made significant contributions to academia, sharing her expertise and mentorship with students and faculty at Westmont College, the University of California, Santa Barbara, and the University of Denver, inspiring the next generation of legal and social justice advocates.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors declares Julissa Peña, as the 2025 Second District Commission for Women Service Award Recipient.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 18th day of March, 2025, by the unanimous vote of all members present.

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RESOLUTION HONORING GINA M. GONZALES-CARBAJAL AS THE THIRD DISTRICT COMMISSION FOR WOMEN SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT

WHEREAS, Gina M. Gonzales-Carbajal has exemplified outstanding dedication and service to the community of Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, as the current Chief Programs Officer of the Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara, Gina has an integral role in empowering students in Santa Barbara County to achieve their goals by obtaining postsecondary education; and

WHEREAS, Gina previously served as the Development Director for Special Olympics Southern California-Santa Barbara, where she exhibited outstanding leadership, advocacy, and dedication and fostered inclusivity, joy, and life-changing opportunities through sports in Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, as a former Executive Director of United Boys & Girls Club of Santa Barbara County, Gina provided strategic vision to create safe and supportive spaces for children in Santa Barbara County so they could reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, as a former Director of Health Promotion at Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics, Gina advanced efforts in Santa Barbara to make healthcare accessible to children, families, and seniors; and

WHEREAS, Gina started her professional career with Head Start, rising through the ranks to support school readiness for preschool-aged children and support their academic, social, emotional and physical development in safe and caring environments: and

WHEREAS, Gina M. Gonzales-Carbajal's involvement in various community organizations spanning many years, including Committee Member of the First Ladies Luncheon - Congressional Club member, Special Olympics Santa Barbara, Board Member for the Wolf Museum of Exploration + Innovation (MOXI), Sarah House, Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee, Children's Creative Project, and the Santa Barbara County Commission for Women, each highlight her commitment to enriching our community, especially the lives of women and children.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors declares Gina M. Gonzales-Carbajal, as the 2025 Third District Commission for Women Service Award Recipient.

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RESOLUTION HONORING TERRI LEE COLEMAN
AS THE FOURTH DISTRICT
COMMISSION FOR WOMEN SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT

WHEREAS, Terri Lee is currently an Advancement/Project Specialist with EconAlliance; and

WHEREAS, Terri Lee has worked for Allan Hancock College, the Guadalupe Police Department, Pacific Christian School, the Santa Maria Police Council, the Santa Maria Fairpark and other organizations in our community for over 35 years; and

WHEREAS, Terri Lee has served as a Day of Hope Planning Committee member; and

WHEREAS, Terri Lee is a member of the Rotary Club of Santa Maria South and Co-chair for the Human Trafficking Awareness Forum; and

WHEREAS, Terri Lee served on the Board of Directors for the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Maria Valley and Santa Maria Valley YMCA for over 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Terri Lee is a member of the California Women for Agriculture, Pacific Christian Center, the Santa Maria Police Council, the Santa Maria Women's Network; and

WHEREAS, Terri Lee served as a member of the All-American City Committee, the Association of California State Supervisors, the California Association for Property & Evidence, the Committee to Improve North County, and many other worthwhile organizations; and

WHEREAS, Terri Lee has continually been recognized for service to her community, the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Santa Maria Times, Assemblyman Katcho Achadjian, the Boys & Girls Club, the Santa Maria Police Department, and others: and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors declares Terri Lee Coleman as the 4th District Commission for Women Service Award Recipient of 2025.

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RESOLUTION HONORING ALISON WALES CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION HONORING ALISON WALES AS THE FIFTH DISTRICT COMMISSION FOR WOMEN SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT

WHEREAS, the North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center serves as a vital resource for survivors of sexual assault, child abuse, and human trafficking, providing essential support and resources to community members; and

WHEREAS, Alison Wales, Associate Director of the Center, has demonstrated unwavering dedication to supporting women, children, and families in Santa Barbara County by providing critical services, advocacy, crisis intervention, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, she has been instrumental in developing programs that provide direct support to survivors, including case management, advocacy, and 24/7 crisis intervention in collaboration with law enforcement and county services; and

WHEREAS, under her leadership, the center has strengthened mandated reporting efforts, ensuring abuse cases are documented and survivors receive proper support in the legal system; and

WHEREAS, Alison has enhanced county-wide victim advocacy protocols, ensuring law enforcement and service providers uphold the highest standards in supporting survivors; and

WHEREAS, she has made a profound impact on the community by spearheading the She Raised Her Hand initiative, creating a safe emotional space for veteran women to share their stories, seek guidance, and find healing. This initiative, funded by the California Commission on the Status for Women and Girls, has grown into a sustainable program that meets monthly to uplift and support women in the community; and

WHEREAS, since 1993, Alison Wales has been a steadfast advocate, impacting thousands through education, prevention, and intervention programs;

WHEREAS, we do hereby declare this proclamation in honor of Alison Wales, expressing our deepest gratitude for her tireless advocacy and lifelong commitment to justice, healing, and empowerment for survivors of sexual violence and abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors declares Alison Wales, as the 2025 Fifth District Commission for Women Service Award Recipient.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 18th day of March, 2025, by the unanimous vote of all members present.

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