

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION HONORING TERESA ALVAREZ AS THE FIRST DISTRICT COMMISSION FOR WOMEN SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT

WHEREAS, Teresa Alvarez has over a decade of experience in the non-profit leadership and a passion for helping children and families in our South Coast communities; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Alvarez was born in Guanajuato, Mexico, and moved to the U.S. with her parents at age two. Growing up as an undocumented student, she learned the importance of having mentors, a strong work ethic, and the value of education.; and

WHEREAS, she now holds a bachelor's degree in Sociology from UCSB and a master's degree in Psychology from Antioch University Santa Barbara; and

WHEREAS, she has served on the First 5 Commission of Santa Barbara and Leading from Within, Emerging Leaders Alumni Council; and

WHEREAS, she is the current Board Chair for Future Leaders of America, and a founding member of the Santa Barbara Latino Giving Circle.; and

WHEREAS, she continues her dedication to our beloved community as the current Executive Director of the Carpinteria Children's Project where she supervises and mentors a staff of 22 and ensure CCP provides highquality, appropriate, and culturally sensitive early childhood education, family support programs, and volunteer programs; and

WHEREAS, we honor Mrs. Alvarez for her dedication to building a culture of success through community building, mentorship, and advocacy for underrepresented communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County recognizes Teresa Alvarez, as the First District Commission for Women Service Award Recipient and commends her for this outstanding achievement in service to this community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 19th day of April, 2022 by a unanimous vote of all members present.





COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA RESOLUTION HONORING CALIFORNIA

ALI CORTES AS THE SECOND DISTRICT COMMISSION FOR WOMEN SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT

WHEREAS, Ali Cortes received her Masters in Clinical Psychology with 3,000 hours of training while concurrently working with local families and youth; and

WHEREAS, Ali Cortes is a Clinical Youth Outreach Worker at Santa Barbara Unified School District providing services including case management, crisis interventions, advocacy, curriculum development, program management, coaching, mentorship, mediations, workshops, empowerment groups, and trauma focused therapy to at-promise adolescents and families; and

WHEREAS, in 2020 Ali founded Bienestar Latinx, a community platform that transforms and dismantles generational trauma in order to heal future generations of Latinx folks by authentic leadership development and cultural healing; and Bienestar highlights the strengths and diversity of the Latino community while providing access to resources and the people who can directly help those in need; and

WHEREAS, Ali is also an advocate and trainer for Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and is a cochair of the South Coast Youth Safety City Partnership Alliance Community Engagement Team; and

WHEREAS, Ali has focused her efforts to empower others by bringing out their strengths and creating positive paradigm shifts with the support of community resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors declares Ali Cortes as the 2nd District Commission for Women Service Award Recipient of 2022.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 19th day of April 2022, by the unanimous vote of all members present.

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RAIZA GIORGI AS THE THIRD DISTRICT COMMISSION FOR WOMEN SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT

WHEREAS, Raiza Giorgi grew up in the Santa Ynez Valley after immigrating from Venezuela at age 3 and learned her sense of responsibility and community from both her own family and other local families from an early age; and

WHEREAS, she learned her craft of responsible journalism through both formal education at Alan Hancock Community College, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and on-the-job learning at local newspapers; and

WHEREAS, Raiza took the entrepreneurial jump into founding a local, community-based newspaper with a sense of purpose, a dozen advertisers, and a 16-page launch that grew into a valued source of news with 95 advertisers and 48-pages; and

WHEREAS, the resulting Santa Ynez Valley News provided unbiased and factual reporting trusted by residents and businesses alike, chronicling significant community events like natural disasters and fires, elections and matters in government, community achievements and business openings, and the lives of residents through the Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Raiza Giorgi has been and will continue to be an advocate for truth in journalism, raising the voices of all, and community involvement in all aspects of Valley living.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors declares Raiza Giorgi, as the 3rd District Commission for Women Service Award Recipient of 2022.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 19th day of April 2022, by the unanimous vote of all members present.

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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION HONORING MARY MARANVILLE AS THE FOURTH DISTRICT COMMISSION FOR WOMEN SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT

WHEREAS, Mary Maranville, founder and CEO of Students for Eco-Education & Agriculture (SEEAG), is dedicated to educating local school children about the origins of their food; and

WHEREAS, Mary Maranvalle founded SEEAG in 2008 to inspire and cultivate agricultural ambassadors with the hope they will help preserve family farms around the world; and

WHEREAS, Mary Maranville strives to improve programs that provide state-of-the-art experiential education and inspire' local communities to have a deep appreciation for agriculture, growers, and farmworkers, ensuring the future of agriculture in rural and urban communities; and

WHEREAS, SEEAG has provided over 65,000 students with free field trips to local farms, providing education and memories that will last a lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Mary Maranville, a farmer's daughter, has dedicated SEEAG to the memory of her father and his legacy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors declares Mary Maranville as the 4th District Commission for Women Service Award Recipient of 2022.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 19th day of April 2022, by the unanimous vote of all members present.

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LAWANDA LYONS-PRUITT AS THE FIFTH DISTRICT COMMISSION FOR WOMEN SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT

WHEREAS, Lawanda Lyons-Pruitt began her career with Santa Barbara County in 1979, eventually becoming the first African American woman in California to serve as Chief Investigator of a Public Defender's office; and

WHEREAS, for over 14 years, she is president of the Santa Maria and Lompoc chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); and

WHEREAS, Lawanda has worked tirelessly during this pandemic to organize initiatives and advocacy that is focused on civil rights and racial equity by attending multiple zoom meetings with the local school boards, county agencies, commissions and various community organizations that have a direct impact on equity in education, criminal justice, and housing; and

WHEREAS, Lawanda concerned about COVID-19 vaccine misinformation and recruited by county health officials, she collaborated with groups like CAUSE, IMPORTA, and MICOP to help educate and advocate for the underserved and vulnerable community members in North County to receive correct information to make an informed decision on the Covid vaccine; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors declares Lawanda Lyons-Pruitt as the 5th District Commission for Women Service Award Recipient of 2022.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 19th day of April 2022, by the unanimous vote of all members present.

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