

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR YALILA "LEE" GONZALES EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH, JUNE 2014 **CALIFORNIA**

WHEREAS Yalila "Lee" Gonzales is a Career Employment Specialist Supervisor in the Employment Services Branch of the Department of Social Services and after a notable twenty five years of dedicated service has been chosen by her coworkers as the March 2014 Employee of the Month for Santa Barbara County;

WHEREAS Yalila "Lee" supervises Eligibility Workers and Career Employment Specialists in the Ongoing CalWORKs/Welfare to Work Unit in the Santa Barbara office whose responsibilities consist of administering benefits to families to meet basic living needs such as food and shelter, employment services to find work, child care, work training or education;

WHEREAS Yalila "Lee" is an excellent supervisor who embodies the County's ACE values and maintains high standards for herself and others recognizing the importance of providing safety net and employment services to the individuals and families within our community. Lee listens to what is important to staff and demonstrates that in a variety of ways, some more routine like sharing relevant articles, and others more unique like displaying a "disco pig" because it will make someone smile;

WHEREAS Yalila "Lee" is very people oriented, has an open door policy and can be observed consistently consulting with staff. She provides effective coaching and mentoring and her staff feels supported by her and trusts her direction. She has earned the respect of all those she works with and anyone she meets. These actions demonstrate the heart-felt way that Lee approaches her staff and her career;

WHEREAS Yalila "Lee" is most unique as a leader because she seeks no recognition of her own. She leads by example and is recognized for always doing her best just because it is the right thing to do.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors recognizes Yalila "Lee" Gonzales as the employee of the month for June 2014.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 3rd day of June 2014 by the unanimous vote of the members present.

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