

RESOLUTION TO COMMEMORATE 25 YEARS OF EXTRAORDINARILY DISTINGUISHED AND CONSEQUENTIAL SERVICE TO MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN UPON DEAN PALIUS' RETIREMENT FROM THE SANTA YNEZ VALLEY PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE HUMAN SERVICES ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS, Dean Palius became the first Chief Executive Officer of Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People in 1995, after serving as a valued Board Member of the organization; and

WHEREAS, Dean has dedicated a quarter century to building a highly regarded and respected organization that has positively impacted the lives of those less fortunate, growing from two programs to eighteen programs and a budget of \$80,000 to a \$2.3 million; and

WHEREAS, Dean was able to create partnerships, resources, and initiatives that focused on furnishing basic needs assistance to help individuals and families with a "hand up" and the opportunity to attain self-sufficiency with hope and dignity; and

WHEREAS, Dean was determined to remove barriers to success and to provide ease of access to services and established Family Resource Centers at neighborhood schools, implementing programs to meet basic needs, reduce domestic violence and child abuse; and

WHEREAS, Dean was particularly interested in changing the life trajectory of youth, especially those with limited resources at home; and

WHEREAS, Under Deans leadership PHP developed services directed at improving social, emotional and academic outcomes for students including after school programs, mentoring, preventing youth substance abuse and promoting physical and mental wellness by ensuring access to medical care and counseling programs; and

WHEREAS, Dean has been an avid fundraiser and grant writer on behalf of PHP and has amassed an impressive track record of success securing Federal, State, and local governmental agencies; local, regional, and national foundations; and businesses and corporations; and

WHEREAS, Dean worked earnestly to help make People Helping People a sustainable non-profit organization that will continue to provide services well into the future;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors recognize Dean Palius for his distinguished career and service to the men, women, and children of the Santa Ynez Valley and surrounding areas, upon his retirement from the Santa Ynez Valley People Helping People Human services organization passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, on this 15th day of September, 2020, by unanimous vote of all member present.