

PROCLAMATION

Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Natividad Family Medicine Residency

WHEREAS, the **Natividad Family Medicine Residency** addresses the critical shortage of primary care physicians, a challenge felt acutely in California and Monterey County, where access to high-quality, culturally competent medical care is essential for the health and well-being of all residents; and

WHEREAS, the **Natividad Family Medicine Residency** was established in 1975 at Monterey County's public safety-net hospital to address this urgent need, training physicians committed to serving diverse, often underserved, communities; and

WHEREAS, 2025 marks the 50th Anniversary of the **Natividad Family Medicine Residency**, which has graduated three hundred fifty eight physicians over its history, providing a vital pipeline of dedicated medical professionals; and

WHEREAS, one in three graduates of the **Natividad Family Medicine Residency** choose to remain in Monterey County to practice, strengthening the local health care workforce and expanding access to care for our community; and

WHEREAS, more than fifty percent of graduates of the **Natividad Family Medicine Residency** over the past five years are providing primary care in safety-net clinics, serving patients in underserved areas who might otherwise go without timely or consistent medical attention; and

WHEREAS, one in five graduates of the **Natividad Family Medicine Residency** are providing inpatient medical care in hospitals serving underserved communities, ensuring that even the most vulnerable patients have access to high-quality, compassionate care; and

WHEREAS, the **Natividad Family Medicine Residency** continues to embody the highest values of service, excellence, and equity, preparing physicians who care for the whole person and who remain deeply committed to the communities they serve;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize and honor the **Natividad Family Medicine Residency** on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary, and commend its graduates, faculty, and staff for their extraordinary contributions to the health and well-being of Monterey County and beyond.