

***BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN AND FOR THE
COUNTY OF MONTEREY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA***

Resolution No.

Adopt a resolution honoring **Dr. Edgar Castellanos and Esther Castellanos** as the recipients of the Nonprofit Alliance of Monterey County's 2022 Perry G. Flicker Leadership Award

WHEREAS, Dr. Edgar Castellanos and Esther Castellanos, dedicated medical professionals working tirelessly and humbly to help people understand the disease of addiction and manage their health and recovery, are being honored by the Nonprofit Alliance of Monterey County as the recipients of the 2022 Perry G. Flicker Leadership Award, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Edgar Castellanos and Esther Castellanos have been pioneers in the field of drug treatment in Monterey County for thirty five years, partnering with local nonprofits to address endemic and epidemic substance abuse, including heroin, cocaine, crack cocaine, hallucinogens, club drugs and, most recently, opioids like oxycodone and fentanyl by promoting both harm reduction and abstinence-based recovery, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Edgar Castellanos and Esther Castellanos work collaboratively to provide evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment services to patients with substance use disorders – at Community Human Services, Door to Hope, Sun Street Centers, and Valley Health Associates, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Edgar Castellanos, first drawn to medicine to help people with addiction and change the way people with substance use disorders were being treated, is serving today as the Medical Director for the Community Human Services drug treatment programs including Genesis Residential Center, Off Main Clinic, and the Outpatient Treatment Centers in addition to private practice and support for other agencies,

WHEREAS, Dr. Edgar Castellanos began working for Sun Street Centers also in 1990 treating alcoholic patients -- and **Esther Castellanos** started working with him in 2003 with Sun Street Centers and the Door to Hope MCSTART Program treating substance exposed children – and then expanding their services even further in 2010 to Valley Health Associates in their methadone program, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Edgar Castellanos and Esther Castellanos continued to provide life-saving services in drug treatment programs throughout the COVID-19 shelter-in-place, and now provide all four nonprofits with medical services across five treatment modalities: narcotic replacement therapy, residential, outpatient, intensive outpatient and medication-assisted treatment – that over the years have improved thousands of lives, saved hundreds of lives, and improved our community immensely.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County, and all residents thereof, hereby recognize and congratulate **Dr. Edgar**

Castellanos and Esther Castellanos for their extraordinary dedication and express our deep appreciation for their inspiring commitment to the recovery, health, and well-being of every person in our region impacted by substance use disorders.