

RESOLUTION NO.

Adopt a resolution in recognition of **Paola Martinez** for her tireless work for the Monterey County Rape Crisis Center.

WHEREAS, Paola Martinez is being honored by the Nonprofit Alliance of Monterey County as the 2024 Unsung Hero Award Recipient for Outstanding Changemaker, and

WHEREAS, Paola Martinez has been working for the Monterey County Rape Crisis Center as the Crisis Intervention Program Director for more than 7 years – coordinating the 24-hour helpline coverage – stepping in herself whenever there are gaps in coverage – and responding with empathy and compassion every day, and

WHEREAS, Paola Martinez has led improvements in investigative processes – with her collaborative partners at the Archer Bates Child Advocacy Center -- District Attorney’s Office, Children’s Behavioral Health, Department of Social Services, and Natividad Medical Center – to ensure that each child and family is greeted by a Sexual Assault Counselor, offered snacks and beverages, and has all their questions answered before the investigative interviews begin, and

WHEREAS, Paola Martinez continues to think creatively and work tirelessly and proactively to increase support for child survivors and their families, and

WHEREAS, Paola Martinez is an integral part of the joyful environment at Monterey County Rape Crisis Center – surrounding survivors of sexual assault, human trafficking, and child abuse with the love, hope and joy they all deserve,

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 Paola Martinez, Outstanding Changemaker of 2024.