

County of Monterey

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 25-065

Adopt a resolution recognizing **Sharen Carey** for 40 Years)
of service to the Big Sur Health Clinic.....)

WHEREAS, **Sharen Carey**, PA-C, Executive Director of the Big Sur Health Clinic, has dedicated 40 years of exceptional service to the health and well-being of the Big Sur community; and

WHEREAS, **Sharen Carey** began her career as a laboratory technician under Dr. Jonas Salk at the Salk Institute in La Jolla, California, contributing to pioneering research; and

WHEREAS, **Sharen Carey** became a licensed Clinical Laboratory Scientist in 1969 and spent two years at Children's Hospital in San Francisco, followed by seven years in immunology and cancer research at the University of California at San Diego; and

WHEREAS, motivated by a deep interest in medicine, **Sharen Carey** returned to school at the University of Southern California and completed her Family Practice training in 1981, beginning her role as a Physician Assistant at the Big Sur Health Center in 1987; and

WHEREAS, **Sharen Carey's** dedication to excellence in healthcare was recognized in 2005 when she was awarded the Outstanding Service Award by the California Academy of Physician Assistants and in 2006 when she was honored as one of the Ten Outstanding Women of Monterey County, an acknowledgement of her significant contributions to her profession and community; and

WHEREAS, **Sharen Carey's** leadership as Administrator of the Big Sur Health Center from 1990-1994 and 1998-2008 set the foundation for growth and excellence, and in 2008 she was appointed the center's first Executive Director following a strategic plan update and reorganization; and

WHEREAS, **Sharen Carey** has been a key member of the California Academy of Physician Assistants and the Allied Health Staff at Westland House, and has consistently provided medical care in emergency situations, including during wildfire campaigns and other critical incidents; and

WHEREAS, **Sharen Carey** has shown remarkable leadership in responding to community crises, such as bridge closures and the COVID-19 pandemic, demonstrating her unwavering commitment to the health and safety of the Big Sur community; and

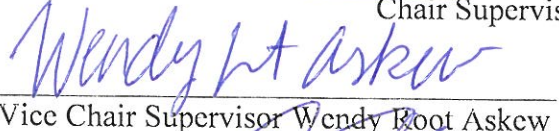
WHEREAS, **Sharen Carey's** deep love for her family, her community, and the natural beauty of Big Sur is evident in her devotion to her children, grandchildren, and in her participation in local activities, such as swimming in the Monterey Bay with the Kelp Krawlers; and

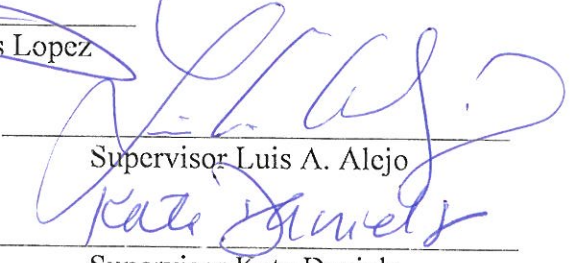
WHEREAS, **Sharen Carey's** career exemplifies the highest standards of service, professionalism, and compassion, leaving an indelible mark on the Big Sur Health Clinic and the community it serves.

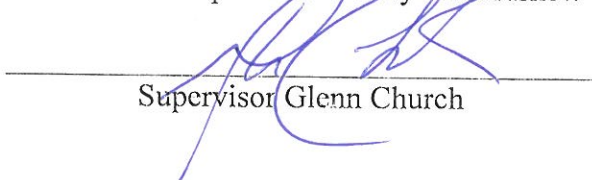
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all the County and its residents thereof, hereby recognize **Sharen Carey** for her 40 years of devoted service to the Big Sur Health Clinic and the Big Sur community, and express our deepest gratitude and appreciation for her exceptional contributions to healthcare, leadership, and service.

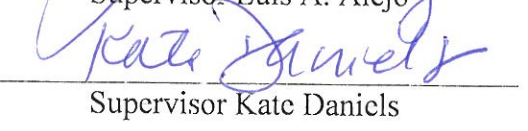
PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 18th day of March 2025


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