

**Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California**

Resolution No.:

Adopt a resolution honoring **Lori A. Medina**, Director of the County of Monterey Department of Social Services, for her dedicated service of 33 years of Public Social Services upon her retirement.

WHEREAS, Lori A. Medina announced her retirement from public service as a Director for the Department of Social Services, effective December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Lori A. Medina has worked as a professional in public social services for the last 33 years. Ms. Medina began her career in the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services as a Children's Social Worker after her Masters of Social Work degree was conferred in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Lori A. Medina worked in Los Angeles County for 10 years, taking on progressively responsible positions including Children's Social Worker, Supervising Children's Social Worker, and Assistant Regional Administrator in the Southeast and South Central Regions of the County; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, Lori A. Medina joined Santa Clara County Department of Family and Children's Services as the Deputy Director of the Children's Shelter. **Lori A. Medina** served in Santa Clara County for 14 years, holding the positions of Deputy Director of the Children's Shelter, Social Services Program Manager III for the Department of Family and Children's Services, Acting Deputy Director of Family and Children's Services, and Director of Family and Children's Services; and

WHEREAS, the next part of Lori A. Medina's journey brought her back home to the community she grew up in in Monterey County; and

WHEREAS, Lori A. Medina was appointed as the Social Services Deputy Director in Monterey County, over the Family and Children's Services Branch in 2016; and

WHEREAS, after 3 ½ years in that capacity, Lori A. Medina was appointed as the Social Services Director for Monterey County in 2019, where she continues to serve; and

WHEREAS, Lori A. Medina is a seasoned Social Services leader, bringing experience in numerous programs, policy and training, and administrative experience. **Lori A. Medina** has also served on numerous Boards and Commissions over her 30 plus year career.

WHEREAS, Lori A. Medina served at the state level for Child Welfare Reform. She served through CWDA in leadership positions including Secretary/Treasurer, Adults Committee Co-Chair, Fiscal Committee Co-Chair, and a member of the Executive Committee of CWDA, and a Board member of the Child and Family Policy Institute of California (CFPIC), and a Steering Committee Member of the California Child Welfare Core Practice Model. In addition, during her tenure in Santa Clara County she was one of the 4 County recipients in California to receive a

Federal Grant from the Obama Administration for the Permanency Innovations Initiative (PII) that led to the groundwork for the California Child Welfare Core Practice Model Initiative, which has now been implemented statewide; and

WHEREAS, personally, **Lori A. Medina** is married with two adult sons. She is very active in her community, church and her sorority.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all of the residents thereof, hereby congratulates **Lori A. Medina** upon her retirement and wishes her success, good health, and happiness in all future endeavors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this ___ day of ___ 2024, upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____ by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book ___ for the meeting on _____.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California

By _____
Deputy