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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Teri Ivaldi, Principal Management Analyst
BY: Jennifer Grappasonno, Board Support Services Coordinator
SUBJECT: Commendation – Maria Cordova

DATE: September 13, 2022

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a Commendation recognizing Maria Cordova for her dedicated service to Latino populations and exemplary leadership of the Promotores Program.

BACKGROUND

Maria Cordova is a Placer County resident for 47 years, working as a School Psychologist in support of the community’s youngest diverse residents. Maria retired from the field of education and began her second career with Placer County Public Health, facilitating Superacion Personal, the region’s first Spanish-speaking Women’s Empowerment groups for more than 500 Latinas who received support and connections to medical care, mental wellness programs, parenting skills, family strengthening classes and a variety of other topics. Maria’s partnerships and knowledge led her to guide the development of the Latino Leadership Council, Inc. and she created a team of Promotores, Cultural Brokers, training and coaching them to serve clients to the best of their abilities while enforcing professional boundaries that help Promotores to maintain their own wellness.

The attached commendation recognizes Maria Cordova for her dedication to enriching the lives of Placer County residents.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact as a result of this action.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - Commendation

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Commendation

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**IN THE MATTER OF A COMMENDATION RECOGNIZING
MARIA CORDOVA FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO LATINO
POPULATIONS AND EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP OF THE
PROMOTORES PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Maria Cordova is a Placer County resident for 47 years, working as a School Psychologist in support of our community's youngest diverse residents; and

WHEREAS, Maria's legacy of deep-rooted compassion for service is demonstrated through years having served as a volunteer on numerous boards, wellness committees and recruitment panels to remove systemic barriers and bring resources and supports to Latino communities in Placer County; and

WHEREAS, Maria retired from the field of education and delved into her second career with Placer County Public Health, facilitating Superación Personal, the region's first Spanish-speaking Women's Empowerment groups for more than 500 Latinas who received support and connections to medical care, mental wellness programs, parenting skills, family strengthening classes and a variety of other topics; and

WHEREAS, her partnerships and knowledge led her to guide the development of the Latino Leadership Council, Inc. as a nonprofit in 2007, through funding by the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and Mental Health Services Act (MHSA); and

WHEREAS, Maria created a team of Promotores (Cultural Brokers), training and coaching them to serve clients to the best of their abilities while enforcing professional boundaries that help Promotores to maintain their own wellness;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE KNOWN, that the above COMMENDATION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held, September 13, 2022, on behalf of the citizens of Placer County and commends Maria Cordova for her dedication to enriching the lives of Placer County residents.

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