



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: May 14, 2024

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,
Recognizing And Commending Esther Lemus, Community Leader And
Member Of The Moorland Neighborhood Action Team For 50 Years Of
Exceptional Advocacy, And Commitment To Volunteering And Advocating
Within And On Behalf Of The Moorland Neighborhood.**

Whereas, Esther Lemus moved to the Moorland Neighborhood in 1971 with her family and seamlessly integrated into the community, raising her children to be productive members of society while selflessly dedicating herself to serving the neighborhood in various roles over the decades; and

Whereas, Esther's work to enrich and support her community has included nurturing young minds as an early childhood educator, supplying health and nutritional assistance to mothers, infants and children through the WIC program, and tirelessly advocating for enhancement of services and infrastructure in Moorland; and

Whereas, in 2015, recognizing the pressing need to uplift Moorland in the face of economic and educational disparities as depicted in the 2014 Portrait of Sonoma, the Board of Supervisors dedicated resources to establish the Moorland Neighborhood Action Team; and

Whereas, Esther's commitment to the resilience of her community led her to play a pivotal role as a founding member of the Neighborhood Action Team, which successfully championed the realization of Andy's Unity Park and Jeff's Garden at the heart of Moorland, and engaged residents in a collective design and naming process of the facilities; and

Whereas, after 50 years, Esther continues to engage as an outstanding community leader in Moorland, generously dedicating her time to help steward the local community garden and assist in weekly food distributions, while also serving as a principal organizer of the Neighborhood Action Team, which facilitates public meetings and hosts events to promote unity and cohesion in Moorland; and

Whereas, Esther's long history and dedication to service, leadership and community advocacy inspire others to elevate their voice and lend their time and skills to serve the greater good.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that we, The Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, express our deepest gratitude to Esther Lemus for her lifelong dedication to the well-being and prosperity of the Moorland neighborhood, and commemorate her more than 50 years of service to her community.

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