

**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma,
State Of California,
Recognizing Michelle Whitman For Her Years Of Exemplary Public Service
As District Director To Third District Supervisor Shirlee Zane.**

Whereas, in 2011 Michelle Whitman began eight years of distinguished service as District Director to Third District Supervisor Shirlee Zane where her exceptional record of representing the public's interests throughout many years of community engagement, both inside and outside of her role in County government leave an outstanding legacy of public service; and

Whereas, Michelle Whitman has been a steadfast and staunch advocate for expanded and inclusive mental health services, and has worked with efficiency and compassion with those in need; and

Whereas, Michelle Whitman's contributions and efforts resulted in the successful completion of multiple important community projects, including creative housing solutions for over 75 at-risk homeless veterans at the Palms Inn and the Zane-Wolff Veterans Village; and

Whereas, during her years of service, Michelle Whitman has played an important role in the creation of policy impacting the environment, open space, and public access to lands; and

Whereas, as District Director to Board of Supervisors Chair Shirlee Zane during the devastating 2017 wildfires, Michelle Whitman worked many overtime hours shoulder-to-shoulder with the Chair to help bring the County out of the disaster and continues to advocate for, and work closely with, the fire survivors in our community; and

Whereas, Michelle Whitman earned an undergraduate degree at the University of California at Berkeley in Environmental Science and Policy, and a Masters of Public Administration at Villanova University with academic distinction; and

Whereas, during her years serving as District Director, Michelle Whitman's incredible work ethic, compassion, kindness, intellect and tenacity were evident to all who had the pleasure of working with her, and her devotion to providing public service with grace was on display every day; and

Whereas, Michelle Whitman took on the role of supporting Supervisor Zane during a time of unimaginable grief following her husband's tragic death a few months earlier. Michele's compassion, empathy and strength was gratefully received by Supervisor Zane.

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California, hereby expresses the highest gratitude for Michelle Whitman's excellent public service provided to the Third District and to community members countywide.

Be it further resolved that the Board of Supervisors and the entire County family wish Michelle Whitman continued success as she begins the next chapter of her life, one which will no doubt continue to provide benefits to our entire community, and hope she finds time to enjoy being with her family, running with her dogs, and continuing her amazing outdoor adventures with her kayak and hiking boots.