

Date: December 3, 2024	Item Number: Resolution Number:	
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Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California,

Congratulating Cheryl Johnson on her retirement as CEO of the Sonoma Valley Community

Health Center and many contributions to the Sonoma Valley community

Whereas, Cheryl Johnson began her career with Sonoma Valley Community Health Center on February 6, 2012, as the Chief Executive Officer; and

Whereas, Cheryl has tirelessly and conscientiously served the communities of Sonoma Valley and "The Springs" for over 12 years, and, through her leadership, has initiated projects that will continue to have a revitalizing and growing impact on Sonoma Valley; and

Whereas, Cheryl has always held the health and well-being of the Sonoma Valley community as her overarching goal; and

Whereas, the community of Sonoma Valley has significantly benefited due to Cheryl's leadership in executing Sonoma Valley Community Health Center's mission, vision, and values of community service and providing quality healthcare; and

Whereas, Cheryl's employees feel appreciated and valued by her demonstrations through their annual staff luncheon and recognition of employees for their length of service and dedication to going above and beyond; and

Whereas, Cheryl has served the community in many valuable ways, including building a new facility and operating a full-service, federally qualified health center that offers Medical, Dental, Pediatric, OB/GYN, Behavioral Health, Outreach, Nutrition,

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Pharmacy, Laboratory, Chiropractic, Podiatry, and Pain Management services, and in December 2022 opening and operating a full-service Optometry Center; and

Whereas, a further contribution Cheryl has made to the community is the creation and championing of the Back-to-School Health Fair and Backpack Program, which distributes backpacks filled with school supplies to 700+ Sonoma Valley students; and

Whereas, additionally Cheryl serves on the Board of Directors of Aliados Health, formerly Redwood Community Health Coalition, whose mission is to improve access to and the quality of care provided for under-served and uninsured people, Aliados Health's primary focus is to strengthen the capacity of member health centers to act as a regional network of comprehensive primary care that provides access to consistently high-quality clinical care, effective care coordination and reduce health disparities; and

Whereas, during the 2017 Fires and the COVID-19 pandemic, Cheryl's grit and tenacity ensured the Health Center never closed its doors to the community, all while leading her team to provide uninterrupted services to Sonoma Valley residents; and

Whereas, under Cheryl's leadership and thanks to her focus on providing quality healthcare services to the community, Sonoma Valley Community Health Center has been awarded numerous Clinical Quality Awards from the Health Resources and Services Administration and has maintained its Patient-Centered Medical Home status under the National Committee for Quality Assurance; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma do hereby congratulate and thank Cheryl Johnson for her over 12 years of service as the CEO of Sonoma Valley Community Health Center and as a champion for the health and well-being of the residents of Sonoma Valley.

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