



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: March 3, 2026

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,
Honoring Maricarmen Reyes For Receiving The 2025 Pete Peterka Award For Her Exemplary
Emergency Management Service To The County Of Sonoma.**

Whereas, Ms. Reyes has become one of the most trusted and passionate voices for emergency preparedness and resilience in Sonoma County including the Springs and beyond. Her work bridges language, culture, and community, ensuring that every resident especially those in the Spanish-speaking and underserved areas of the county have access to critical emergency information and the tools to act when disaster strikes.

Whereas, Ms. Reyes has a long history of dedicated service to the community including her role as the Outreach and Event Coordinator at the Sonoma Valley health Center where she has been instrumental organizing bilingual emergency preparedness events that directly engage residents where they live including organizing preparedness fairs, an annual April Shake-Out drill and a community evacuation drill; and

Whereas, Ms. Reyes spearheaded the creation of a *Map Your Neighborhood* group in the Springs area, a program designed to identify needs and resources during a disaster as well as to strengthen social ties and promote local disaster resiliency and through this initiative and others, she has brought neighbors together to build mutual support networks that can save lives during emergencies; and

Whereas, Ms. Reyes' drive led her to become one of the first graduates of Sonoma County's Spanish-speaking SoCo Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program, after

which she became one of its most dedicated ambassadors. Ms. Reyes now serves as a guest instructor for both English and Spanish CERT trainings bringing warmth, empathy, and cultural understanding to every class. Her ability to translate complex emergency concepts into clear, relatable language has made her a beloved teacher and mentor within the CERT community; and

Whereas, Ms. Reyes’ commitment to accessibility has driven her outreach efforts, working directly with community members who lack digital access or English proficiency, helping them sign up for emergency alerts, navigate online preparedness tools, and connect with local resources. Her work ensures that no resident is left behind when it comes to safety and preparedness; and

Whereas, Through her advocacy, teaching, and community leadership, Ms. Reyes has transformed how emergency preparedness is practiced and shared in Sonoma Springs. Her efforts have not only built stronger systems but have fostered deeper connections, ensuring that resilience grows from the ground up; and

Whereas, In recognition of her remarkable work which embodies the spirit of collaboration, inclusion, and community service Maricarmen Reyes was awarded the Louis “Pete” Peterka Award for Emergency Management for 2025.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors hereby honors and commends Maricarmen Reyes for her exemplary service, expresses deepest appreciation for her dedication and contributions to Sonoma County.

Supervisors:

Rabbitt:	Coursey:	Gore:	Hopkins:	Hermosillo:
Ayes:	Noes:	Absent:	Abstain:	

So Ordered.