



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: September 9, 2025

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,
Recognizing The Fourth Week of September as Community Health Worker, Promotores De
Salud, And Community Health Representatives Awareness Week In Sonoma County And
Declaring Official Support And Appreciation For The Contributions Of Community Health
Workers, Promotores De Salud, And Community Health Representatives Who Serve The
County's Most Impacted And Vulnerable Communities.**

Whereas, Community Health Workers, Promotores de Salud, and Community Health Representatives play invaluable roles in our public health care system by building bridges between health and human services and community members, especially those from historically underserved and under resourced communities, utilizing vital and important cultural and linguistic skills in order to better serve their communities in effective and culturally responsive ways; and,

Whereas, Community Health Workers, Promotores de Salud, and Community Health Representative are a unique workforce whose work in their communities is driven by their love, compassion, hope, and a desire for change; and

Whereas, Community Health Workers, Promotores de Salud, and Community Health Representatives draw upon their lived experiences, cultural humility, and deep community ties to establish and maintain trust, provide culturally responsive care, and address the root causes of health inequities; and

Whereas, Community Health Workers is an umbrella term that refers to workers who may be employed under a variety of titles, including but not limited to: Community Health Worker, Community Health Educator, Patient Navigator, Peer Mentor/Counselor, Health Advisor, Lay Health Advocate, Outreach Worker and many others; and work across a variety of sectors including within the community, non-profits, schools, hospitals, clinics, and government; and

Whereas, Community Health Workers, Promotores de Salud, and Community Health Representatives are trusted members of their community and understand the complexities and

nuances within their communities which equips them with a level of community expertise that proves them to be an invaluable asset; build individual and community capacity; and increase health knowledge and self-sufficiency through outreach, community education, informal counseling, social support, and advocacy; and,

Whereas, Community Health Workers, Promotores de Salud, and Community Health Representatives improve the quality of health care and thus the overall health and well-being of our communities through health education, outreach, and advocacy; and,

Whereas, Community Health Workers, Promotores de Salud, and Community Health Representatives networks and coalitions are vibrant and active across California and in Sonoma County and we are grateful for their leadership and especially of those that are run by volunteer, unpaid Community Health Workers; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma proclaims the fourth week of September as Community Health Worker, Promotores de Salud, and Community Health Representatives Appreciation week in the County of Sonoma, and calls upon all County departments and community members to celebrate and acknowledge the many benefits Community Health Workers, Promotores de Salud, and Community Health Representatives provide to our community.

Supervisors:

Hermosillo: Rabbitt: Coursey: Gore: Hopkins:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.