



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: November 8, 2022

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Honoring The Public Service of Kathy Smith.

Whereas, Ms. Smith, Board Member for the Sonoma County Mental Health Board, has served the County of Sonoma and Fifth District for the past 22 years since being appointed to the board in 2000; and

Whereas, Ms. Smith was instrumental in leading the Mental Health Board for the past three years as Board Chair, where she shifted the focus of the Board from receiving information from the County to playing an active role as drivers of input and feedback to the county; and

Whereas, Ms. Smith served and continues to serve on the Mental Health Services Act Steering Committee and the Quality Improvement Committee as a family member; and

Whereas, Ms. Smith reviewed and evaluated the community's mental health needs, services, and facilities and advised the Board of Supervisors and the Behavioral Health Director regarding local mental health programs; and

Whereas, Ms. Smith worked tirelessly for the past 22 years to solve problems, build consensus on difficult issues, act as a mentor to others, and advocate for the needs of her community; and

Whereas, Ms. Smith's advocacy led to rural areas to being fairly represented on the Mental Health Board and in Sonoma County policy, ensuring shelter and mental health services in Guerneville and helping to increase services in previously untouched areas; and

Whereas, Ms. Smith's overarching dedication to communities in need led her to volunteer not only on the Board of Mental Health, but also at the California School for the Deaf; and

Whereas, Ms. Smith's service as a volunteer, an intervention specialist and makerspace leader at Montgomery Elementary School, a mother, and a foster mother, Ms. Smith touches countless lives;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Mental Health Board and Sonoma County Board of Supervisors is please to recognize Ms. Kathy Smith for her 22 years of altruistic work supporting and representing the county's most vulnerable, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions she has made to the Sonoma County.

Supervisors:

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Hopkins:

Gore:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.