



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: April 2, 2019

Item Number: _____
Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California, Appointing Dr. Celeste Philip to the Position of County Health Officer Effective April 9, 2019

Whereas, the California Health and Safety Code Section 101000 requires that the Board of Supervisors appoint a Health Officer for the County;

Whereas, the Board of Supervisors appoints the County Health Officer who reports to the Board through the Director of Health Services;

Whereas, a recruitment process was conducted to fill the position of County Health Officer pursuant to Sonoma County Civil Service Rules, including an interview with the Department of Health Services' leadership team and the Marin County Health Officer, as an external subject matter expert, and a finalist interview with the Board of Supervisors;

Whereas, Dr. Celeste Philip was the top choice for recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for appointment as Health Officer;

Whereas, Dr. Philip is board-certified in Preventive and Family Medicine, holding a Doctorate of Medicine from Loma Linda University School of Medicine and a Master of Public Health from Loma Linda University School of Public Health;

Whereas, Dr. Philip has developed and overseen programs aligned with the Department of Health Services' Strategic Plan. She has served as Surgeon General and Secretary of Health for the Florida Department of Health since March 2016, overseeing operations of the Florida Department of Health with over 13,000 employees and a \$3 billion annual budget;

Whereas, Dr. Philip has significant knowledge in disease surveillance and investigation, health promotion, and regulatory services to prevent disease and injury, improve residents' quality of life, and reduce disparities in health status;

Whereas, Dr. Philip will provide direction and collaborate on implementation of the Department of Health Services Strategic plan, will work to develop and implement health policies that improve community health in Sonoma County, and will ensure that Board of Supervisors' priorities are met. She will work with community partners on local initiatives including, but not limited to, the local food system, water and environmental quality, dental

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health for children and adults, and the health care delivery system integration supporting the “Triple Aim” of improved care, decreased cost, and increased access.

Whereas, Dr. Philip brings energy, experience, and skills to promote the health of Sonoma County residents of all ages with a focus on prevention and addressing health inequities and the social and environmental determinants of health such as land use planning, transportation, housing, income, and education.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California hereby appoints Celeste Philip, MD, MPH, to the position of Health Officer for the County of Sonoma effective April 9, 2019.

Supervisors:

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| Gorin: | Zane: | Gore: | Hopkins: | Rabbitt: |
| Ayes: | Noes: | Absent: | Abstain: | |

So Ordered.