



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING

Dr. Lizbeth J. Martin, Ph.D.

For Her Distinguished Career in Higher Education and Her Contributions to San Mateo County

WHEREAS, Dr. Lizbeth J. Martin, Ph.D., earned her bachelor's degree from Brown University and her doctorate in psychology from Stanford University, where she also completed a post-doctoral fellowship in Developmental Psychobiology in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, reflecting her exceptional scholarly foundation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin joined the faculty of Notre Dame de Namur University in Belmont, a treasured San Mateo County institution, and in 2001 was appointed its inaugural Dean of the School of Sciences, where she championed five new academic programs and secured a \$500,000 Keck Foundation grant for a Geographic Information Systems laboratory; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin served as President of the Board of Trustees of the Mental Research Institute in Palo Alto, where she pioneered the development of a new clinic for families and youth at risk in East Palo Alto, bringing vital mental health services and intern training to one of the region's most underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin was nominated for the San Mateo County Women's Hall of Fame, sponsored by the Board of Supervisors and the Commission on the Status of Women, and served on the San Mateo Chapter Board of the American Heart Association, reflecting her deep roots in and commitment to this community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin served Holy Names University in Oakland for more than a decade, rising from Vice President for Academic Affairs to Provost, overseeing curriculum, faculty, budget, accreditation, and university advancement, and securing an 8-year reaffirmation of accreditation and a \$5.1 million federal grant; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin's career of distinguished service has been recognized nationally, including selection for the inaugural Aspen Institute CAO Leadership program, the American Leadership for the 21st Century Institute, and service as Interim Provost at Gonzaga University, where she united academic and student affairs for the first time in the institution's 131-year history; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin became the 19th President of Notre Dame de Namur University in 2020, celebrated the University's 100th Anniversary in Belmont in 2023, and has led the transition of the university into its 21st-century position as a mainly graduate university offering degree completion and fostering online learning.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo does hereby honor and commend **Dr. Lizbeth J. Martin, Ph.D.,** for her extraordinary contributions to higher education and to the people of San Mateo County; for her compassionate community service and civic leadership; for her tireless dedication to expanding opportunity for students, women, and underserved communities; and for the enduring legacy she has built across more than four decades of distinguished public service.

Dated: June 16, 2026

ATTEST: _____
DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS