

RESOLUTION

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

Melissa Gibbs

AS THE

2022 Barbara Hammerman Award Recipient

WHEREAS, on this 18th day of October, two thousand twenty-two, MELISSA GIBBS is honored for her extensive advocacy and leadership in the area of intimate partner violence; and

WHEREAS, MELISSA GIBBS serves as Senior Manager of the Legal Department at Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse (CORA), the only agency in San Mateo County solely dedicated to helping those affected by intimate partner abuse; and

WHEREAS, MELISSA GIBBS has significantly contributed to the prevention of intimate partner violence in leading the operation of a legal hotline answering more than 1,500 calls last year; and

WHEREAS, MELISSA GIBBS leads a team of four attorneys, three legal advocates and several volunteers that support survivors with legal work and accompanying them during court proceedings; and

WHEREAS, MELISSA GIBBS has significantly contributed to the revision of restraining order forms provided by the California Judicial Council that has resulted in default privacy protection of survivors; and

WHEREAS, MELISSA GIBBS participates in the Coordinated Community Response Committee, the Pro Bono Collaborative, the Domestic Violence Collaborative Committee, the state-wide California Partnership to End Domestic Violence (CPEDV) and continues to collaborate with Bay Area nonprofits, legal groups, and government offices in the prevention of intimate partner violence; and

WHEREAS, in the footsteps of Lieutenant Barbara Hammerman, MELISSA GIBBS has demonstrated exemplary leadership by providing outstanding service and devout dedication to the prevention of intimate partner violence,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby recognizes **MELISSA GIBBS** as the 2022 Barbara Hammerman Award Recipient, and the Board expresses its gratitude for her expertise and leadership in strengthening the intimate partner violence response efforts in San Mateo County.

Dated: October 18, 2022

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