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

Suzanne N. Sims, MD

2024 Barbara Hammerman Award Recipient

WHEREAS, SUZANNE N. SIMS is honored for her extensive work and leadership in the area of intimate partner violence; and

WHEREAS, SUZANNE N. SIMS serves Kaiser Permanente in both Redwood City and San Mateo as the Physician Lead for their Family Violence Prevention Program; and

WHEREAS, SUZANNE N. SIMS has led Domestic Violence Awareness Month educational activities during October and ensured Domestic Violence Awareness banners are hung in the hospital and in multiple outpatient office buildings for Kaiser Permanente's Silent Witness Project; and

WHEREAS, SUZANNE N. SIMS supports No More Week at the end of March each year by creating activities that uplift awareness of domestic violence to the hospitals and encourages staff to join in; and

WHEREAS, **SUZANNE N. SIMS** is involved with hospital policies and procedures that create DV awareness for all Kaiser Permanente employees and are critical in improving care for survivors and follows legislation involving sexual assault and domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, SUZANNE N. SIMS is a domestic violence survivor and because of her experiences with obtaining a restraining order and holding it for many years, she uniquely understands the importance of teaching her colleagues about the complexities that domestic violence victims face in their relationships, including the process of leaving an abusive relationship; and

WHEREAS, in the footsteps of Lieutenant Barbara Hammerman, SUZANNE N. SIMS has distinguished herself by providing exemplary 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 **SUZANNE N. SIMS, MD** as a 2024 Barbara Hammerman Award Recipient. The Board expresses its gratitude for your expertise and leadership in strengthening the inmate partner violence response efforts in San Mateo County.

Dated: October 8, 2024 SUPERVISORS: WARREN SLOCUM, PRESIDENT DAVE PINE NOELIA CORZO RAY MUELLER DAVID J. CANEPA

Attest: Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors