

RESOLUTION

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

AURORA PEÑA

2018 Women In County Government Development Champion Award Recipient

WHEREAS, AURORA PEÑA who, as a Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Unit Supervisor at the Youth Services Center, is an outstanding leader whose tireless efforts continually addresses and raises awareness about the mental health needs of incarcerated youth and their families; and

WHEREAS, AURORA PEÑA is deeply committed to and involved in collaborating with many institutions, including GS staff and probation officers at Camp Glenwood, Camp Kemp, the Youth Services Center, Hillcrest School staff and administrators in working alongside them to improve the mental health needs of our incarcerated youth so that they can spend more time learning in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, AURORA PEÑA manages the Community based team and coordinates services with personnel contracted to assist in providing mental health services to youth who are on probation in the community and their families; and

WHEREAS, AURORA PEÑA works with the administrators of Star Vista, which also provides mental health services to incarcerated youth and , along with attending management meetings, she participates in parent night at Camp Kemp, organizing and fostering activities to strengthen connections between incarcerated youth and their families, both in and out of custody; and

WHEREAS, AURORA PEÑA's stellar leadership style fosters engagement, innovation, and collaboration as she looks for ways to improve how mental health services are provided, especially with new treatment techniques that are culturally appropriate and responsive as well as trauma informed; and

WHEREAS, AURORA PEÑA provides a safe, respectful, and culturally competent work environment, promoting self-care, encouraging exercise, comradery among fellow co-workers, implementing different wellness activities during meetings and trainings, allowing team members to openly voice concerns and actively listening to their offered solutions,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby gratefully commends AURORA PEÑA, 2018 Women In County Government Development Champion Award Recipient, for her exemplary leadership and commitment to the County of San Mateo and the community she serves in San Mateo County.

Dated: December 11, 2018

SUPERVISORS:

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Attest: Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors