



Recognizing  
30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Ventura County Leadership Academy

**WHEREAS**, Ventura County Leadership was founded in September of 1994 by Dr. Priscilla Partridge de Garcia and a small group of committed community leaders who were concerned about the lack of connections across the Ventura County region, from the business, education, non-profit, and public sectors; and

**WHEREAS**, for 30 years Ventura County Leadership Academy has developed and provided a quality 10-month program that educates and immerses participants in each of the pressing issues impacting our Ventura County community, including the economy, transportation, arts & culture, agriculture, homelessness, education, health care and social services, housing & land-use and the environment among others; and

**WHEREAS**, Ventura County Leadership Academy has taken over 765 individuals in those 30 years, from the business, education, non-profit, and public sectors, representing every city of the county, and who are now actively serving our community on local non-profit boards & committees, in local and statewide elected positions, and in their careers, living the Ventura County Leadership Academy mission and purpose of "Connecting People and Issues to Strengthen Our County"; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Ventura has recognized Ventura County Leadership Academy as an important regional non-profit organization which encourages organizations located in Ventura County and represented in each cohort to have a more open dialogue with one another across Ventura County; and

**WHEREAS**, there is now a greater awareness and agreement for the need to continue connections, conversations, and collaborations throughout Ventura County's business, education, non-profit, and public sectors, a greater understanding of how each area contributes positively to our region, and how Ventura County Leadership Academy has an immensely positive impact on Ventura County by providing a platform for this.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes and honors Ventura County Leadership Academy on its 30 years of public service in providing a quality program that connects, cultivates, and inspires positive engagement in our community, to the residents of Ventura County.

Presented on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024

  
Matt LaVergne, Supervisor 1st District

  
Chair of the Board of Supervisors  
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