



Resolution  
of  
The Board of Supervisors of Ventura County  
Honoring  
Kristie Aki  
"2023 Woman of the Year"  
West Ventura County Business Alliance

**Whereas,** Kristie Aki is being recognized as the "2023 Woman of the Year" by the West Ventura County Business Alliance for her personal and professional success, and dedication to the betterment of the Camarillo community; and

**Whereas,** Kristie is founder and past president of the board for kidSTREAM, an emerging children's museum, that will open in Camarillo; and

**Whereas,** Kristie has a bachelor's in biology from the University of New Orleans and a master's in biological sciences from California Poly San Luis Obispo; and

**Whereas,** Kristie asked herself that simple question in 2013, "Why do I have to drive an hour and a half for a children's museum?". A mother of three girls, it became Kristie's mission to bring a high-quality children's museum to Ventura County. She founded kidSTREAM and provided the spark to bring her vision to reality; and

**Whereas,** a former teacher, Kristie used her professional background in science and education and developed entrepreneurial business skills. Over the next few years, the board secured the site of the former Camarillo Public Library, incorporated as a nonprofit, and raised over a million dollars; and

**Whereas,** as work and fundraising continue for this 30,000 square foot hands-on museum, kidSTREAM has served over 50,000 children at community events, pop-ups and onsite programs. STREAM stands for science, technology, reading, engineering, arts and math; and

**Whereas,** backed by a dedicated board, staff, volunteers, and generous supporters, Kristie stepped down as president this year and is now a director emeritus.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved,** that the Board of Supervisors of Ventura County commends Kristie Aki for her commitment to the betterment of our community in providing a children's museum. The Board further congratulates Kristie on receiving the West Ventura County Business Alliance "2023 Woman of the Year" recognition.

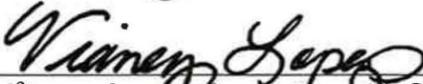
Presented on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2023

  
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