



*Proclaiming November 2023
National Family Caregiver Month in Ventura County
"Caregivers Connect"*

Whereas, November is recognized as National Family Caregiver Month, a time for the entire country to acknowledge the enormous contributions of informal and formal caregivers to one another and to the nation. The national theme this year is "Caregivers Connect"; and

Whereas, demographic changes in Ventura and across the United States, are increasing the need for caregiving and this need is projected to continue growing; and 1 in 5 Ventura County residents provide informal and unpaid care for family members; and, more than 8,000 In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) caregivers provide home care services and support to over 8,900 low income disabled, senior or blind residents of Ventura County, nearly 80 percent of whom are family members; and

Whereas, Ventura County caregivers provide vital care to family members, allowing residents to remain safely in their own homes, while providing a compassionate alternative to hospitalization and other placement outside of their community; and

Whereas, family caregivers experience considerable stress, physical and emotional burdens, and financial strain from their caregiving responsibilities; and the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging, the Camarillo Health Care District and Senior Concerns have collaborated to develop Family Caregiver Resource Centers, which provide caregiver training, support groups, home adaptations, resource libraries, community education, and respite care for eligible family caregivers; and the County of Ventura Human Services Agency Public Authority provides caregiver training, workshops and resources to IHSS caregivers; and the services and support provided by community organizations and county government to Ventura County caregivers is vital to maintaining and strengthening families and preserving the dignity of all senior, blind, disabled or ill Ventura County residents.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors take great pleasure in proclaiming the month of November 2023, as "Family Caregiver Month."

Be It Further Resolved, that the County of Ventura Board of Supervisors encourages all residents to recognize and support the contributions of all caregivers who give their time, patience, care and support to their families, friends and the entire community.

Presented On This 7th Day of November 2023



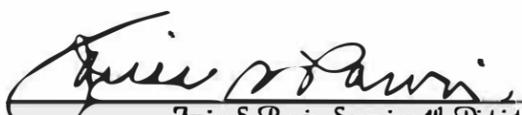
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