



**Proclaiming
February 2024 as
Ventura County Community Health Worker Appreciation Month**

Whereas, Community Health Workers/Promotor(a)s de Salud (CHW/Ps) are front-line Public Health champions and trusted members of our community. CHW/Ps are everywhere: They are family, friends, community leaders, and neighbors; and

Whereas, CHW/Ps have a unique and close understanding of the community served. As a community liaison to health and social services, they facilitate access and delivery of high-quality, culturally competent services. They build community capacity by increasing health knowledge and self-sufficiency through outreach, education, informal counseling, social support, and advocacy; and

Whereas, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Ventura County CHW/Ps promoted health equity county-wide across the age spectrum by connecting communities to timely resources and responses that were linguistically and culturally relevant; and

Whereas, Ventura County CHW/Ps are vital to community health, survival, and resilience of Ventura County residents, as front-line catalysts of impact for groups historically marginalized and disproportionately burdened during public health emergencies, such as the COVID-19 pandemic; and

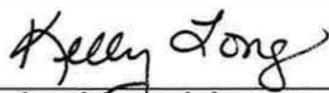
Whereas, Ventura County Public Health has developed and is implementing and disseminating a CHW/P 11-session learning series curriculum, to train and increase utilization of CHW/Ps in the tri-county region; and

Whereas, Ventura County CHW/Ps that complete the 11-session learning series will have gained foundational knowledge to promote physical and mental health, prolong life, and prevent disease and disability. As trained CHW/Ps, they become candidates for the opportunity established by the State Department of Health Care Services to be a resource and an asset to Medi-Cal providers and provide Medi-Cal covered educational benefits as stipulated in Senate Bill AB2697; and

Whereas, this month we celebrate and honor the second 11-session learning series cohort, consisting of 11 Ventura County CHW/Ps who received training in core competencies, public health basics, and emergency response.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim February 2024, as Ventura County Community Health Worker Appreciation Month. Throughout Ventura County and encourage all citizens to join in celebrating these professionals and all they do for our community.

Presented on this 6th day of February 2024



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