KERN COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES

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Board of Supervisors
Kern County Administrative Center
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RESOLUTION HONORING HUMAN SERVICES EMPLOYEE, DEBORAH MARTINEZ FOR 25 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE
(Fiscal Impact: None)

Deborah Martinez, Social Service Worker III with the Department of Human Services (DHS), retired from County service on October 30, 2026, after 25 years of dedicated service to the residents of Kern County.

Ms. Martinez began her career with the County of Kern on June 4, 2001, as a Social Service Worker II in the CalWORKs Employment Services Division. Throughout her tenure, she developed extensive knowledge and expertise in the CalWORKs Welfare to Work (WTW) Program. On November 15, 2003, she was promoted to Social Service Worker III, a position she held until her retirement. In this role, Ms. Martinez assisted parents receiving CalWORKs cash assistance in preparing for employment and achieving self-sufficiency.

During her 25 years with the Department of Human Services, Ms. Martinez worked in a variety of specialized program areas, developing a broad range of knowledge and expertise. Most recently, she served on the Welfare to Work Child Care Team, where she provided excellent customer service to Welfare to Work parents by educating them on the benefits of utilizing child care services to support their participation in program activities.

Throughout her career, Ms. Martinez exemplified the Department of Human Services' core values of integrity, innovation, and service excellence. Her knowledge, professionalism, dedication, and strong work ethic have earned her the admiration and respect of staff, colleagues, and leadership. The Department of Human Services is grateful to Ms. Martinez for her unwavering commitment to serving the residents of Kern County and for her many years of dedicated service.

A Resolution commemorating Ms. Martinez's 25 years of service to the County of Kern has been prepared.

Therefore, IT IS RECOMMENDED that your Board adopt the attached resolution honoring Ms. Martinez for 25 years of dedicated service to the County of Kern.

Sincerely,

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