

Retirement of Karen Relucio, MD Deputy Director of Health and Human Services Agency – Public Health & Public Health Officer

WHEREAS, in 2015, Dr. Karen Relucio was appointed by the Napa County Board of Supervisors to serve as the Deputy Director of Health and Human Services Agency-Public Health and our Public Health Officer, and after serving Napa County in this role for seven years, on December 30, 2022, she retires from public service after a total of 16 years; and

WHEREAS, during Dr. Relucio's tenure, Napa County has faced two wildfires, a historic and unprecedented worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, and in her critical role, she steadfastly guided our County's emergency response helping to save lives and mitigate negative impacts to our residents and all who visit our beautiful region; and

WHEREAS, through **Dr. Relucio's** leadership and collaboration of our healthcare providers, organizations have administered over 220,000 COVID-19 vaccines, with 80% of Napa County residents having received the primary COVID-19 vaccination series, thereby affording our community a veil of protection as we strive for a community where all residents can live fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS, as our Public Health Officer, **Dr. Relucio** has contributed positively to the profession of Public Health through her service and leadership over the years including serving on the Board of Directors of the Health Officers Association of California, the California Conference of Local Health Officers, and California Conference of Local Health Officers; the Association of Bay Area Health Officials; the California Emergency Medical Services Commission; the Napa Opioid Safety Coalition; Live Healthy Napa County (LHNC), and the Honoring Choices Napa Valley Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure with Napa County, **Dr. Relucio** kept health equity at the forefront of the Public Health Division and HHSA through collaborative efforts to improve policies, systems, and environments in ways that promote "health for all" in Napa County, and this included the Public Health Division's receipt of an "Advancing Health Equity" award from the Committee for California's Health; and

WHEREAS, above and beyond all of the professional accolades, **Dr. Relucio** is credited for the laudable human traits of having ethics and integrity, being compassionate and kind, and being committed in ways that embody the very best in public servants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that this Board of Supervisors, County of Napa, State of California, on this 6th day of December, 2022, does hereby recognize, honor, and celebrate **Dr. Karen Relucio** on her retirement from a distinguished career in public service and for her dedicated service to Napa County.

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