

**COMMENDING
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES JAIL HEALTH STAFF
AND SHERIFF'S CUSTODY STAFF
UPON RECEIVING ITS FIRST ACCREDITATION BY THE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL QUALITY**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors wishes to recognize and thank Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Jail Health staff and the Sheriff's Custody staff on their successful joint effort to obtain Institute for Medical Quality (IMQ) accreditation for the Marin County Jail; and

WHEREAS, Institute Medical Quality, a subsidiary of the California Medical Association, is dedicated to improving health care quality through education, evaluation, and dissemination of best practices within the corrections systems in California; and

WHEREAS, accreditation status is awarded to correctional facilities that have passed a rigorous audit of the policies, procedures and practices pertaining to the medical, psychiatric and dental care offered at the facilities; and

WHEREAS, a lengthy list of more than 50 essential and important standards must be met by the facility in order to achieve accreditation; and

WHEREAS, working closely with the Sheriff's custody staff, jail medical, mental health, dental, and administrative staff began the accreditation process in the summer of 2013, evaluating and revising numerous practices and policies impacting the care and services provided in the Marin County Jail; and

WHEREAS, through this accreditation process, new procedures have strengthened the frequency of health observations of the inmates, a new Quality Assurance Program has been instituted, and the entire Jail staff received additional medical training; and

WHEREAS, the Marin County Jail now joins 29 facilities in 14 California Counties that have been awarded Institute of Medical Quality accreditation; and

WHEREAS, this accreditation could not have been achieved without the contributions, diligence, and commitment of HHS and the Sheriff's Custody staff at all levels to providing quality jail health care services commensurate with community standards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marin County Board of Supervisors commends HHS Jail Health and the Sheriff's Custody staff for the Marin County Jail being awarded its first Institute of Medical Quality accreditation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 25th day of November 2014.