

RESOLUTION
of
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARIN COUNTY

COMMENDING
DR. LARRY MEREDITH

UPON HIS RETIREMENT FOR HIS 14 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF MARIN COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors wishes to recognize and honor Dr. Larry Meredith who has served Marin County since September 10, 2001; and

WHEREAS, in his role as the Director of Health and Human Services (H&HS), Larry Meredith has led the Department during both challenging and exciting times. From his first day of work in Marin, the day before the September 11th terrorist attacks significantly altered the American way of life, Larry has been there to shepherd the Department through ongoing restructuring, a severe economic downturn, a new found focus on our health and well-being and a current move towards a time of renewed optimism and hope; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Meredith has distinguished himself throughout his career by his vision, passionate and unwavering dedication, and steadfast commitment to internal and external partners, and has carried forward his inspiring vision with integrity; From his success in directing Team HHS, a staff of more than 700 employees across 10 sites, to his stewardship of a budget in excess of \$160M with multiple grants and funding streams, to his embracing and supporting the valuable work of our community partners; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Meredith has consistently and passionately collaborated with stakeholders to meet the diverse health care needs of all county residents; from primary care, to prevention, to early intervention programs for improving the lives of Marin residents. He has encouraged, supported and strengthened commitments to many pressing Marin issues, including access to services for those facing mental health issues, homelessness, disabilities, and socio-economic disadvantages; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Meredith exemplifies living well, living actively, and "living on the edge"; an adrenaline junkie with an affinity for extreme sports, putting his teeth and joints at risk on and off the ice. His rejection of golf as a pastime (despite his wife's wishes) exemplifies his preference for action and adventure. His #10 hockey jersey is a testament to his goal-oriented nature; and

WHEREAS, the HHS executive team will miss his Monday morning quarterbacking, *Wall Street Journal* discussions and analysis, and his attempts at solving the world's problems in a single meeting. The executive team acknowledges they may need to retire the lasso they used to reign him back down to earth, but appreciate his big picture thinking and "can do" attitude. "The Salutation to the Dawn," from his Canadian childhood, reminds him to look to each day as a day well-lived, make every yesterday a dream of happiness, and every tomorrow a vision of hope. He exemplifies this attitude on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, the Marin County Board of Supervisors wishes to express its gratitude for the many contributions that Larry Meredith has made to both the Department of Health and Human Services and to making Marin a healthier and safer community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marin County Board of Supervisors thanks and commends Dr. Larry Meredith for his years of dedicated service to the people of Marin and the Department of Health and Human Services. For guiding Marin to its #1 Health ranking as the Healthiest County in California, the Board awards Larry a virtual gold medal and sends him forth, with deep appreciation as he begins the next chapter of his life; whether it is on the black diamond slopes of Whistler, roller blading down the coast of California, cycling the great open space of Marin, or gliding across Snoopy's ice skating rink to score a goal for his team.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 24 day of March 2015.

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