

R E S O L U T I O N
of
T H E B O A R D O F S U P E R V I S O R S
M A R I N C O U N T Y

COMMENDING
MARIN WOMEN'S COMMISSION
ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 45TH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the Marin County Commission on the Status of Women, created by the Board of Supervisors in April 1974 and re-named the Marin Women's Commission in 1994, was created to ensure that women had access to equal economic, social, political and educational opportunities throughout the county. To achieve these goals, the Board of Supervisors empowered the Commission to study issues, prepare reports and offer advice to assist the Board in its policy making role; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, the Commission has contributed to the well-being of the County's women and girls through its work on a number of key initiatives including: the establishment of the women's facility at the Honor Farm; the creation of Marin Abused Women's Services (MAWS) in partnership with the Marin chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW); the development of the Marin Women's Hall of Fame in partnership with the YWCA; the formation of the Family Law Center; and the investigation of human trafficking in Marin County resulting in new outreach and education programs; and

WHEREAS, today's Commission brings renewed dynamism to fulfilling its mandate to address the many challenges facing women today. The Commission seeks to be a community catalyst for positive change and a partner with other stakeholders for efforts underway throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the Commission advocates for all women and girls and seeks equality through policy at the local and State levels so that their issues are seen, understood and addressed. The Commission does this by serving as and highlighting positive female role models in the Marin Teen Girl Conference; educating others to mindfully apply a "female lens" to their work and activities, and creating informational resources such as the Yellow Card of local services and a booklist curated for women and girls, advocating for legislation that improves the lives of women and girls, and monitoring County hiring practices in fulfillment of the NOW Consent Decree; and

WHEREAS, the Commission supported legislation such as Senate Concurrent Resolution 78, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women; Assembly Bill 168 prohibiting an employer from relying on the salary history of an applicant, requiring equal pay for equal work; and supporting the expansion of the transitional kindergarten mandate at the State level; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has investigated the issue of sexual assault exams taking place in Vallejo and provided findings and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. In addition, it has begun an effort to investigate violent crimes against women and girls in Marin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin thanks and congratulates the Marin Women's Commission, and all commissioners past and present, on the occasion of its 45th Anniversary for working on behalf of all women, girls and families in Marin since 1974, helping them live healthier, happier and more productive lives.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 29th day of January 2019.

KATHRIN SEARS – SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 3 - PRESIDENT

