April 20, 2021

Board of Supervisors  
County of Marin  
3501 Civic Center Drive  
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SUBJECT:   Adopt Resolution Proclaiming April as “National Volunteer and Student Intern Recognition Month” and Presentation of Marin Shares & Marinterns Impact Report for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION: The Department of Human Resources recommends that your Board adopt a resolution proclaiming April as “National Volunteer and Student Intern Recognition Month” and accept the Marin Shares & Marinterns Impact Report for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

SUMMARY:  
Every April is National Volunteer and Student Intern Recognition Month, which celebrates the impact volunteers and interns have on our lives and encourages active volunteerism in generations to come. Most often unpaid, they generously donate a part of their lives to do the work that nobody else likes to do. This month, we want to recognize and salute them for their unwavering services to the County of Marin and hold aloft their examples to inspire everyone towards volunteerism.

The Marin Shares & Marinterns Impact Report reflects the 200,527 service hours that 8,042 volunteers and unpaid student interns contributed during Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Since the Shelter in Place order was declared in March 2020, we were able to modify some Marin Shares and Marinterns assignments to be continued remotely, while many volunteer and intern roles had to put on hold. The number of individuals and hours they contributed in fiscal year 2019-2020 -- while lower than the previous year -- nevertheless reflect the continued commitment that our residents have to making their community a better place.

Our volunteers and student interns bring their experience, energy and skills as they serve in a wide range of roles in virtually all of the County’s departments. A few examples of their service include providing disaster preparedness workshops, program newsletters, wildfire lookouts, and peer counseling for vulnerable elders. Our Marinterns program provides career-focused internships in the Community Development Agency, Probation, Library, and Health & Human Services departments.

FISCAL IMPACT: The acceptance of the Marin Shares & Marinterns Impact Report for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 does not have any direct fiscal impact.
EQUITY IMPACT: The MarinShares and Marinterns program continues to be a program where a diverse group of County residents are able to share their talents, time, energy and skills to enrich our service to the residents.

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