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Honorable Board of Supervisors
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Re: Accepting Designation of Marin County as A Stepping Up Initiative Innovator County Resolution

Dear Colleagues:

I request the Board's consideration and support in accepting the designation of Marin County as a "Stepping Up Initiative Innovator County." I am pleased to bring this Resolution, with the support of our Health and Human Services Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Division.

The prevalence of people who have mental illnesses in jails is often three to six times higher than that of the general public. Jails spend two to three times more on adults with mental illnesses that require intervention than on people without those needs, yet often do not see improvements in recidivism or recovery.

To better serve our community, Marin County joined the Stepping Up Initiative in 2017. Stepping Up is a national effort to decrease the number of people with behavioral health disorders in jail. Marin County behavioral health and criminal justice partners have used the Stepping Up framework to adopt a validated mental health screening tool, improve data analysis, and provide behavioral health services in custody.

Marin County was selected as one of Stepping Up's growing cohort of Innovator Counties that are successfully using the Stepping Up Innovator County approach. I hereby request your support in designating Marin a Stepping Up Initiative Innovator County.

Sincerely,

Damon Connolly