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Promoting and protecting health, well-being, self-sufficiency, and safety of all in Marin County.



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Marin County Board of Supervisors
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SUBJECT: Request from the Board to adopt Resolution honoring community partners who served Marin County during the COVID-19 pandemic response on this, the two-year anniversary.

Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Adopt Resolution proclaiming March 15, 2022 "COVID-19 Response Appreciation Day".
2. Receive report from Department of Health and Human Services' Public Health Division on two-year anniversary of the County's pandemic response.

SUMMARY: For the past two years, Marin County Public Health has developed and implemented equity-focused, data-driven, evidence-based, student-centered policies and guidance to navigate Marin County through the COVID-19 pandemic. The keys to Marin's measurable success have been meaningful and effective community partnership and radical collaboration. At every phase of the pandemic, community partners were highly engaged and ready to co-create change and transform inequitable conditions.

On March 4, 2020, the County activated the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to coordinate a countywide response to the COVID-19 pandemic. One of the primary functions of the EOC was identifying resources to support the pandemic response. Marin's community partners' readiness and willingness to help, their generosity, and commitment to shared goals have been unwavering.

On the second anniversary of the 2020 Shelter in Place order, Marin County Public Health celebrates the contributions of Marin County's community organizations in the pandemic response. Their resilience and adaptability helped Marin "flatten the curve," slowed transmission, and prevented thousands of hospitalizations and hundreds of deaths.

COMMUNITY IMPACT: As Marin County shifts from pandemic response to endemic planning and preparedness, we have yet to understand the true toll of the pandemic on communities in Marin at highest risk of experiencing the adverse effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, including economic and housing insecurity, physical health, and mental illness among others. Ongoing community collaboration and partnership is critical for our community's recovery.

EQUITY IMPACT: Marin County Public Health is strengthening community partnerships through its Community Response Teams (CRTs). These CRTs are composed of community groups and organizations focused on addressing the racial and ethnic disparities in all aspects of COVID response. Case rates, hospitalizations, and deaths have disproportionately affected Marin’s lower income communities of color. CRTs will support all aspects of COVID response, which includes increasing booster rates among Latinx and African American/Black eligible residents, as well as vaccination rates among children 5 to 11 years old. This aligns with the State’s comprehensive strategic SMARTER (Shots, Masks, Awareness, Readiness, Testing, Education, Rx) plan, which identifies “Shots” and decreasing vaccine disparities as the top priority as we plan our transitions to the endemic phase.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal component associated with the acceptance of this report.

REVIEWED BY:	County Administrator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Respectfully submitted,

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