Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, 
Congratulating Claudia Mendoza-Carruth on being named a Sonoma Valley Hospital Foundation 
2016 Pulse Award Recipient

WHEREAS, the Sonoma Valley Hospital Foundation (SVH) is dedicated to bringing health and well-being to the residents of Sonoma Valley through philanthropic and volunteer support. Since 1982, SVH Foundation has raised more than $7 million dollars to enhance medical services equipment and programs, and to help cover the cost of caring for patients who could not otherwise afford to pay, and

WHEREAS, the Sonoma Valley Hospital Foundation hosts an annual Celebration of Women event to pay tribute to women in the community who have made outstanding contributions through their volunteerism, community involvement and philanthropy, and

WHEREAS, the Pulse Award is given during the annual Celebration of Women event and this year, the two exceptional honorees are Claudia Mendoza-Carruth and Martha Rosenblatt in recognition of their generosity of time, talent, and spirit to the community of Sonoma Valley, and

WHEREAS, the Celebration of Women Event benefits the Sonoma Valley Hospital’s Diagnostic Imaging for Women “Project Pink” Program which provides No Cost Mammograms for Uninsured and Underinsured Women living in the Sonoma Valley, and

WHEREAS, Claudia Mendoza-Carruth was born and raised in Bogata, Colombia. Her early influences included bilingual education from American Catholic Nuns, thus fully preparing her for a life translating language and cultures to further enhance community cohesion. Claudia demonstrated resilience from a young age when her father died and later, when her mother was paralyzed from Multiple Sclerosis. Still, Claudia balanced her education and professional work life with grace and determination. She arrived in the United States in 1991 and continued to have an impressive career in media and communications. While she attained American citizenship in 2001, she has not forgotten the lessons of her journey. In both professional and community service realms Claudia’s bilingual communications skills have allowed her to serve as a language bridge between communities, and

WHEREAS, Claudia and her husband, Kevin Carruth, moved to Sonoma in 2006. At that time, Claudia left the corporate world behind and started MC(2) Multicultural Communications to provide translations, interpretation and developing of communications plans for businesses with Spanish speaking workforces, and
WHEREAS, Claudia is deeply familiar with the value of access to mammograms for all women, regardless of income. She successfully battled breast cancer and later, Lyme disease and hypothyroidism. Claudia has become a force of community engagement in the Sonoma Valley, and

WHEREAS, Claudia joined the Board of La Luz Center in 2011 and became President the following year. She is widely credited for helping create a new era of Latino leadership and strategic vision for La Luz, crucial to effectively serving our community in need. She is relentless in her efforts to facilitate further integration and enrichment of our beautiful and diverse community of Sonoma Valley, and

WHEREAS, in the words of Isabel Allende, “I want to have an epic life. I want to tell my life with big adjectives. I want to forget all the grays in between, and remember the highlights and the dark moments.” Claudia is a woman who lives epically, building community with one word, one hug, one act of kindness at a time, and

THEREFORE BE IT NOW RESOLVED, that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors hereby congratulates Claudia Mendoza-Carruth on being named a Sonoma Valley Hospital Foundation 2016 “Pulse Award” Recipient.

Supervisors:

Gorin: Zane: Gore: Carrillo: Rabbitt:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.