

**HEALTH COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
Resolution No. 20-10**

HONORING MARIA X MARTINEZ

WHEREAS, Maria X Martinez served the City and County of San Francisco as a devoted San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) staff member and leader for 23 years; and

WHEREAS, During Ms. Martinez's tenure with the DPH, she served in the following leadership roles: Deputy Director of Community Programs, senior staff to the Director of Health, Chief Integrity Officer, and Director of Whole Person Care; and

WHEREAS, the highlight of Ms. Martinez's career at the DPH was her role as Director of Whole Person Care, a project that aims to improve outcomes for adults experiencing homelessness in San Francisco through enhanced care coordination. Maria solidified interagency partnerships among DPH, the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing and the Human Services Agency, bringing these city departments together to work in ways they previously had not; and

WHEREAS, Under Ms. Martinez's leadership and vision, San Francisco adopted a population-based approach to providing holistic health, housing, and human services to vulnerable adults experiencing homelessness. The Shared Priority project she helped develop piloted citywide care coordination and interagency data sharing to identify and problem-solve system barriers and create street-to-home plans with a "whatever it takes" approach; and

WHEREAS, Outside of her work with DPH, Ms. Martinez helped build public-private coalitions, regional and community-based initiatives, and public policies. For the past 15 years, Maria was an active board member of the Chicana Latina Foundation, where she developed a leadership institute for scholarship recipients; and

WHEREAS, Maria X Martinez died on July 15, 2020 surrounded by a loving circle of close family and friends.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Health Commission honors Maria X Martinez for her lifelong commitment and dedication to improving the lives of others through her invaluable public service, her enormous compassion for others, and her thoughtful leadership.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Health Commission conveys its heartfelt condolences to Ms. Martinez's daughter Paloma, and other family, friends, and colleagues.

I hereby certify that the San Francisco Health Commission at its meeting of August 18, 2020 adopted the foregoing resolution.



Mark Morewitz, MSW