The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of: Resolution No. 2012/45

Presentation to Contra Costa Regional Medical Center and its Perinatal Unit's successful program to reduce secondary cesarean sections

WHEREAS, Contra Costa Regional Medical Center (CCRMC), a division of the Contra Costa County Health Services Department, has through its Perinatal Unit, initiated a unique and successful program to reduce secondary cesarean sections; and

WHEREAS, this effort, called the Vaginal Birth After Cesarean (VBAC) program, is the result of the concerted work of the Perinatal team to provide a safe alternative for women who desire a non-surgical delivery option; and

WHEREAS, non-surgical births, when all safety precautions are observed, are known to be a safer and less costly alternative to surgical deliveries and result in faster bonding for mother and child; and WHEREAS, this program has required a level of commitment to addressing and overcoming significant challenges that many hospitals will not assume; and

WHEREAS, the Perinatal team has maintained a steadfast dedication to this project for the past two years and had raised the level of successful VBAC births to an average of 90 percent; and WHEREAS, the VBAC program has been recognized for its contribution to quality improvement and

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WHEREAS, this program represents just one example of the many successful, innovative efforts by the Perinatal team to enhance safety and patient satisfaction;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County hereby honors the Contra Costa Regional Medical Center and its Perinatal Unit for their significant contribution to the health and well-being of the women and families of Contra Costa County.

MARY N. PIEPHO
Chair,
District III Supervisor

JOHN GIOIA
District I Supervisor

KAREN MITCHOFF
District IV Supervisor

District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: February 7, 2012

David J. Twa,

By: , Deputy