



**Resolution  
of  
The Board of Supervisors of Ventura County  
In Memoriam  
Adan Lara**

**Ventura County Public Works Agency Transportation Department Operations and Maintenance Division  
11 Years of Dedicated Public Service**

**Whereas**, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors honors Public Works Agency Transportation Department employee Adan Lara, who tragically lost his life in the course of his work duties on October 30, 2015; and

**Whereas**, Adan Lara was born in Colima, Mexico in 1958. He studied business administration in Mexico, and was fluent in both Spanish and English. He lived in the US for 30 years and was honored to be a United States citizen; and

**Whereas**, Adan was a resident of Ojai for over 20 years, returning briefly to Colima to marry his sweetheart, Carmen, his wife of 29 years, who not only was from the same town but was his childhood neighbor; and

**Whereas**, as an active member of his community, Adan was dedicated to improving the lives of those who lived and worked in Ojai and Ventura County. His numerous community and church activities included registering voters and working County polling places during elections, and volunteering his time at local schools and libraries in the Ojai Valley community. In 1999, Adan was awarded "Citizen of Year" honors by the Ojai Valley Chamber of Commerce for his outstanding commitment to the youth of Ojai; and

**Whereas**, Adan organized LUPE - Latinos Unidos Por Educación - an organization in the Ojai Valley which helps Latino families learn English, become aware of school-related issues, learn different ways to discipline children, increase gang awareness and social issues, and encourage parents to actively participate in their children's formal education. He also volunteered his time and energy with the Ojai Library, fostering literacy and creating the "Amigos Reading Program" to encourage children to read in Spanish and English; and

**Whereas**, formerly a technician at ITI, Adan learned the maintenance trade while employed at Ojai Valley Community Hospital and at Nordhoff High School, and came to the Transportation Department in 2004. While a member of the PWATD Operations and Maintenance team, he learned maintenance of storm drain systems, pipe installation, and concrete construction, and readily accepted management of the department's warehouse as a permanent assignment, ordering material, tracking inventory, issuing supplies, and manufacturing traffic control signs. Adan was well-liked and respected by his co-workers, primarily because of his willingness to help. His team at work relied on him to acquire and deliver material, and stay on the job-site if his assistance was needed. Adan carried himself as a professional and always had a smile. He took great pride in his work and would readily accept all assignments. Adan was a recipient of the Public Works Agency Silver Challenge Coin for exceptional achievement in 2009; and

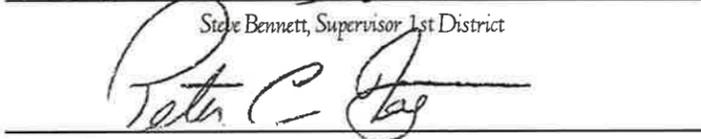
**Whereas**, Adan is survived by his wife Carmen, son Eric, daughters Maribel and Mariela, mother Rosario Rocha, father Salvador Lara, and eight siblings.

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors honors Adan Lara for his 11 years of dedicated public service to our community and mourns the untimely loss of such a dedicated and valuable member of our Public Works Agency family. The Board further extends its sincerest condolences to the Lara family and the PWA Transportation Department team. Adan will be truly missed by all who had the pleasure and honor of knowing him.

**Presented on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 2015**

  
Chair of the Board of Supervisors  
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