



Proclaiming October 2023 as  
National Disability Employment Awareness Month

**Whereas**, the County of Ventura recognizes the month of October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month; and

**Whereas**, National Disability Employment Awareness Month brings to light the topic of disability employment and celebrates those workplaces who are welcoming of the talents of all people which are a critical part of our efforts to build an inclusive community and strong economy; and

**Whereas**, PathPoint of Ventura County has provided support for individuals with disabilities since 1985 including pre-vocational training, coaching, skill development, workforce readiness, resume writing, and job interview preparation; and

**Whereas**, PathPoint in 2014 incorporated Project Search, a one-year, 5-day a week internship program that helps individuals with disabilities gain on the job training experience and transferrable skills, leading to full-time employment. Organizations such as St. John's Regional Medical Center Camarillo and the Four Season's Hotel in Westlake Village are early adopters employing several Project Search interns; and

**Whereas**, PathPoint has now achieved a 75% graduate employment rate benefiting organizations such as Regency Palms Senior Living Oxnard, Cypress Place Senior Living Ventura, Childrens Hospital Los Angeles, and UCLA Health. The efforts of these organizations to employ our County's disabled individuals from PathPoint is admirable and inspirational.

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim October 2023 as National Disability Employment Awareness Month, and will continue to take steps to advance opportunities, economic, self-sufficiency, inclusion, and independent living for all people with disabilities.

Presented on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023

Chair of the Board of Supervisors  
Matt LaVerz, Supervisor 1st District

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