

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

PROCLAMATION

**COMMENDING LYDIA MERAZ FOR HEROIC ACTIONS IN
SAVING THE LIFE OF 3-YEAR-OLD DARIUS APAR**

- WHEREAS,** Lydia Meraz has served Lake County visitors for 20 years as part of the WorldMark Clear Lake Resort Guest Services team, most recently with great distinction as Guest Services Manager; and
- WHEREAS,** on September 6, in the course of her duties, she was made aware 3-year-old Darius Apar, while recreating in the resort's swimming pool in Nice, CA, had lost consciousness, stopped breathing and fallen into a comatose state; and
- WHEREAS,** with assistance from Guest Services teammates Diana Starkey and Ali Staub, Meraz not only took immediate and heroic action to provide for Darius' medical needs, but ensured traffic was sufficiently controlled that emergency medical personnel would immediately be able to take any necessary additional action on their arrival; and
- WHEREAS,** Meraz personally conducted Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), and persisted in life-saving action through three rounds of compressions, resulting in the restoration of cardiopulmonary function, with young Darius beginning to cry and breathe, to the overwhelming delight and relief of his family; and
- WHEREAS,** actions like those taken by Meraz go well beyond the bounds of usual job duties, and her insightful and immediate work had immeasurable and life-altering effects on not only Darius, but all of those connected to him; and
- WHEREAS,** this display of decisive and heroic behavior under great pressure is a shining example for the entirety of the Lake County community of Nice and all Lake County residents, and the effects of it will be felt socially and economically for years to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Lake County Board of Supervisors does hereby commend Lydia Meraz for her remarkable insight and efforts in saving the life of Darius Apar, and by virtue of this recognition extend the deep and heartfelt thanks of Lake County's communities to Ms. Meraz for her great professionalism and extraordinary service.

Passed and adopted this 22nd day of September, 2020.

ATTEST: CAROL J. HUCHINGSON
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

COUNTY OF LAKE

By: _____

Chair, Board of Supervisors