## Proclamation

## Honoring Suzie Hughes Woman of the Year 2022

*WHEREAS, SUZIE HUGHES* has been awarded the Chamber San Mateo County's Woman of the Year Award for 2022; and

**WHEREAS,** Woman of the Year Award recognizes women who provide invaluable intellect to the local community for the purpose of stimulating and enhancing the quality of life, demonstrate excellence, creativity and initiative in their business or profession, assist other women of all races, ethnicities and economic backgrounds to reach their professional potential within their community, and are active and supportive participants of the Chamber; and

**WHEREAS, SUZIE HUGHES** led and motivated a team of mental health professionals with compassion and inspiration especially in response to the COVID-19 crisis, where she guided efforts to provide basic necessities to those in need. She is also currently leading important educational efforts to raise awareness of the dangers of fentanyl poisoning, which have closely impacted families in our communities; and

WHEREAS, under SUZIE HUGHES' leadership at One Life Counseling and her engagement in the community, SUZIE works tirelessly to minimize the stigma surrounding mental health and to increase access to services for residents of all ages and income levels in San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, some of the quotes received from SUZIE's colleagues and community partners:

"She has assembled a top-notch team and an operation to support these community members when they are at their most vulnerable. She helps these individuals and their families get back on the path to live a rewarding life. Just like the life everyone in our community deserves."

"There is no human I know who has built what Suzie has built from the ground up to encompass the enormous ripple effect in community support that it has, from both normal times and through the challenges of COVID."

"Suzie treats all people with equal respect, whether they are a client of our Monday Market or a high-powered donor. She is a true entrepreneur, but distinctly and unselfishly, she uses her powers for the good of the community rather than the good of herself."

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, JEFF GEE, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY,** on behalf of the City Council and the residents of Redwood City, hereby express our congratulations to **SUZIE HUGHES** in receiving this honorable recognition as **Woman of the Year 2022** by the Chamber San Mateo County.

Date: February 3, 2023



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