

## **PROCLAMATION**

Presented by Vice-Chairwoman Dianne Jacob

## HONORING MCALISTER INSTITUTE

WHEREAS, the health, safety and well-being of residents is of primary concern for the County of San Diego and on July 13, 2010, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors adopted Live Well San Diego to achieve the County's vision of safe, healthy and thriving communities; and

WHEREAS, the Live Well San Diego vision is about uniting all sectors—business, schools, military and veteran's organizations, community- and faith-based organizations, and all levels of government—in order to bring about positive change; and

WHEREAS, McAlister Institute has provided substance abuse treatment for more than 30,000 individuals and families over the past 41 years; and

WHEREAS, McAlister Institute has over 25 different programs tailored to meet client's needs; with programs for pregnant women, exoffenders, homeless men, Spanish speakers, teens, individuals with co-occurring uses and many others; and

WHEREAS, McAlister Institute collaborates with a variety of clinics to ensure clients receive needed medical care, including screenings and primary care visits through a cohesive referral network; and

WHEREAS, McAlister Institute provides targeted women's health curriculum, including classes on parenting and pregnancy, breast cancer, health basics and stress management to women in both outpatient and residential care; and

WHEREAS, the Kiva Learning Center for Women and Children is the first gender-specific residential drug treatment program for pregnant and parenting women and their children in the country, and boosts a garden that allows clients to learn about nutrition and provides healthy vegetables for the program's kitchen; and

WHEREAS, McAlister Institute works with Probation, Parole and the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems to help avoid client recidivism and assure that clients remain drug and crime free; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT PROCLAIMED by Chairwoman Kristin Gaspar and all members of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on this 8th day of July 2018 that they commend MCALISTER INSTITUTE for its outstanding service, leadership, and commitment to the health and wellness of county residents, and do hereby declare this day to be the "MCALISTER INSTITUTE LIVE WELL SAN DIEGO DAY" throughout San Diego county.

Supervisor 4th District