

# Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

HONORING THE SCOTTS VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL HOPE SQUAD  
SCOTTS VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
2024 ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, the Scotts Valley High School Hope Squad was established three years ago as a student-led initiative dedicated to suicide prevention and mental health awareness among students at SVHS; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of students Ella Webb and Alexa Ruiz, the Hope Squad has created a supportive environment where peers can reach out for guidance and access adult support, fostering a culture of openness and care; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of the Hope Squad have been instrumental in promoting mental well-being, reducing stigma, and providing critical resources to students in need; and

WHEREAS, the presence and activities of the Hope Squad have had a profound impact on the school community, contributing to the safety and well-being of students and demonstrating the power of peer-led support; and

WHEREAS, the dedication and compassion exhibited by members of the Hope Squad exemplify the values of leadership, empathy, and community engagement that are vital to the health and success of our youth.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Monica Martinez, Santa Cruz County Fifth District Supervisor, do hereby recognize and commend the Scotts Valley High School Hope Squad for being the Scotts Valley Chamber of Commerce's 2024 Organization of the Year, and encourage residents of Scotts Valley to join me in acknowledging their many accomplishments.



  
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*Member, Board of Supervisors*

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May 9, 2025

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