

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN AND FOR THE  
COUNTY OF MONTEREY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**Resolution No.** )  
Adopt a resolution honoring Juan L. )  
Sánchez for his dedicated service and )  
passionate commitment to increasing the )  
appreciation of the arts in Monterey )  
County )

**WHEREAS, Juan L. Sánchez** is a music teacher, bilingual song writer, and advocate to bring arts and culture to our communities. He is the founder and Executive Director of Palenke Arts. The mission of Palenke Arts is to "educate and inspire the community through the arts. To create a vibrant and inclusive multicultural arts center in the City of Seaside, offering courses and performances in a multitude of art forms;" and

**WHEREAS, Juan L. Sánchez** has paved the way to provide many families and local youth the opportunity of consistent exposure to the arts. During the pandemic, he transitioned quickly to free online art, dance, and music classes. With his leadership in person instruction resumed as quickly as possible. His passion and love for the arts continues to build up our children's' confidence, and Palenke Arts has created a safe and supportive community within itself; and

**WHEREAS, Juan L. Sánchez** has recruited and trained professional teachers and volunteers to teach classes at Palenke Arts, including Bilingual Chorus, Latin Jazz, Visual Arts, Cinematic Arts, Hip Hop Dance, Latin Percussion, West African Drumming and Audio Production; and

**WHEREAS,** immediately at the outset of Covid, **Juan L. Sánchez** shifted all of his programming into the virtual space, using a tremendous amount of ingenuity to make sure all of the families stayed connected and had the resources they needed during such a difficult time.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, hereby acknowledge **Juan L. Sánchez** for his dedicated service and passionate commitment to increasing the appreciation of the arts in Monterey County and further congratulates **Juan L. Sánchez** on being recognized as a 2022 Champion of the Arts awards recipient.