

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

Resolution No.)
Resolution honoring Cynthia Nelson)
Holmsky for her service and passionate)
commitment to improving educational)
outcomes for all children and youth in)
Monterey County)

WHEREAS, Cynthia Nelson Holmsky has served as the Executive Director of the Bright Futures Education Partnership since its inception in 2015, in which several cross-sector organizations joined together with the purpose of improving cradle-to-career education results for children in Monterey County. Under her leadership, they established seven shared improvement goals which still guide the organization’s mission today; and

WHEREAS, Cynthia Nelson Holmsky has fostered collaborative efforts of community-based organizations, academic institutions and workforce entities to collectively focus on closing equity gaps and increasing educational and career opportunities for all youth. These efforts resulted in the creation of programs to improve literacy among young children, increase participation and completion of the high school courses required for four-year college admission, and the recognition of outstanding efforts throughout the County at the annual “Bright Spots Event”; and

WHEREAS, Cynthia Nelson Holmsky, together with input from youth and families, promoted innovative methods to meet the needs of local students in cultivating new solutions and positive change. Alongside community-based organizations and local Promotores, she participated in the development of the Mi Vida Mi Futuro pilot program, which provides students and families with information and resources to prepare for college and a promising career; and

WHEREAS, Cynthia Nelson Holmsky advocated for policies that help young people succeed and secure a brighter future. She worked collectively with the national organization, StriveTogether, California Promise Neighborhoods and regional cradle-to-career partnerships to develop the California Cradle to Career Coalition to champion policies that change systems and ensure equitable opportunities and outcomes at scale.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, hereby acknowledge **Cynthia Nelson Holmsky** for her service and passionate commitment to improving educational outcomes for all children and youth in Monterey County.