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

## Resolution No.

Adopt a resolution honoring **Rachel Saunders** as the recipient of the Nonprofit Alliance of Monterey County's 2022 Unsung Hero Award for Leadership

**WHEREAS, Rachel Saunders** is being honored by the Nonprofit Alliance of Monterey County as the 2022 Unsung Hero Award Recipient for Leadership, and

WHEREAS, Rachel Saunders has served at Big Sur Land Trust for fifteen years – most recently as Director of Conservation – overseeing their land acquisitions program and managing large multi-benefit green infrastructure projects such as Carr Lake Project in Salinas and the Carmel River Floodplain Restoration and Environmental Enhancement Project in Carmel, and

WHEREAS, Rachel Saunders has spearheaded Big Sur Land Trusts' involvement with multistakeholder projects, and

**WHEREAS, Rachel Saunders** plays a major role in facilitating Big Sur Land Trust's relationships with the Esselen Tribe of Monterey County and the Ohlone Costanoan Esselen Nation, providing support on conservation projects when requested, and

**WHEREAS**, **Rachel Saunders** has led a collaborative approach with Carr Lake Community Partners (Salinas-based nonprofits and allies) as well as local agencies, elected officials and funders -- pivoting to virtual visits and meetings throughout the pandemic in order to continue the design process – and thereby keeping the project moving forward on time, and

**WHEREAS**, **Rachel Saunder's** success as a leading Monterey County conservationist stems from her wealth of experience, her deep connection with people, and her commitment to the principles of diversity, equity, inclusion and access.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County, and all residents thereof, hereby recognize and congratulate **Rachel Saunders** for extraordinary leadership in Monterey County and express our sincere thanks and appreciation for her inspiring dedication to improving the health and well-being of our people, our resources, and our planet.