

*Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California*

Resolution No.

Adopt a resolution celebrating **Dee Heckman** and the accomplishments throughout her life, including the impact she has made in our community.

WHEREAS, Dee Heckman had an accomplished career as a grade school teacher over thirty years and committed member of the Arroyo Seco Citizens Association for nearly three decades; and

WHEREAS, Dee Heckman received her Bachelor of Arts degree from University of California at Santa Barbara in 1989 and 17 years later, returned to school and achieved a Master of Arts degree in Education from San Jose State University in 2008 while managing also to compete in triathlons; and

WHEREAS, Dee Heckman became a Greenfield Elementary School teacher in 1989 and her tireless and innovative efforts to teach students, who themselves were greatly disadvantaged, drew the attention of the Monterey Herald, who sent a reporter in 2007 to chronicle, over several months, her performance in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, during Dee Heckman's long tenure with the Arroyo Seco Citizens Association, as a member at large, board member, secretary, treasurer, vice president and president, an array of events occurred which include forming a non-profit corporation, selling the television repeater frequencies, building the firehouse and community center, providing education scholarships to local students, providing a center of critical information during threatening fires, kept the community connected through potlucks, and helped families in dire need; and

WHEREAS, Dee Heckman's dedication and commitment to increasing academic success through encouraging reading is highly commendable and is a true inspiration to the students and families she served; and

WHEREAS, the Arroyo Seco Citizen Association honored **Dee Heckman's** service to the organization and her decade's long teacher career with a new lending library named after her; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate **Dee Heckman's** life as a teacher, friend, and educator while she is still in our lives; and

WHEREAS, Dee Heckman took the opportunity of seeing her death coming to do what she had done her whole life, educating and informing, advising us all not to let death stop life, but rather use it as a reason to recommit ourselves to live every day, to spend time in nature and treat everyone with the respect they deserve, and to let us know she does not fear her death, but rather fears leaving us all alone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, acknowledges, commends, and thanks **Dee Heckman** for the many lives she has touched and impacted throughout her life.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this ___ day of ____ 2020, upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____ by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Valeria Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book_____ for the meeting on _____.

Dated: Valeria Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California
By _____

Deputy