

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

Resolution No.

Adopt a resolution commending Henry S. Gonzales , Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures, on his retirement with twenty-eight years of dedicated public service to Monterey County and thirty-eight years of dedicated public service to the State of California.))))
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WHEREAS, Henry S. Gonzales began his career in Monterey County with the Agricultural Commissioner's Office in 1984 as a quarantine insect trapper and through advanced education, hard work, dedication to nothing less than excellence, promoted to Agricultural Inspector/Biologist in 1985, to Deputy Agricultural Commissioner in 1998, and Chief Deputy Agricultural Commissioner in 2001 and ended his first tour of employment with Monterey County in July of 2008; and

WHEREAS, Henry S. Gonzales, in August 2008 served in Ventura County as Agricultural Commissioner, being the first Mexican-American in the County of Ventura to hold this position and served in this capacity until February 2018; and

WHEREAS, Henry S. Gonzales, returned to Monterey County in March of 2018 for a second tour with the Agricultural Commissioner's Office as the Monterey County's Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures, again being the first Mexican-American this time in Monterey County to hold this position; and

WHEREAS, Henry S. Gonzales' successful career in agriculture, with valuable contributions to each County he has served, is not only credited to his higher education, which includes: an Associate of Science degree in Agricultural Mechanics from Hartnell College; Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Science from California State University, Fresno; and an Executive Master of Public Administration degree from Golden Gate University, San Francisco; but also to his humble upbringing as a son of migrant farmworkers and a former farmworker himself; and

WHEREAS, Henry S. Gonzales' agricultural legacy began as a child of migrant Mexican-American farmworkers whose family followed the crop harvest seasons in Fresno, Imperial, Santa Clara and Monterey Counties, living in farm labor camps and at times, because of lack of housing, camped in the open-air under the orchard trees they harvested; and

WHEREAS, Henry S. Gonzales at the young age of fourteen, began thinning lettuce seedlings with the now banned short handled hoe, *el cortito* and from that point forward worked weekends and summers while in high school, many times along with his grandfather and other family members; and

WHEREAS, Henry S. Gonzales' migrant farmworker background coupled with his higher education and work experience has provided him with the broadest of perspectives of the agriculture industry and therefore, when faced with challenging issues, navigated these from all vantage points; and

WHEREAS, Henry S. Gonzales' contributions to the County have been as both promoter and

regulator of agriculture to include: protection of the health and safety of agricultural employees, community members, the protection of environmental resources, as well as the protection and promotion of the agricultural sector such as through the following programs/tasks: successful implementation of the Schools and Pesticides regulation and enhancement and maintenance of the Fumigation Notification Pilot Project; consumer protection (weights and measures); providing services to agricultural employees in response to the Covid-19 pandemic; and instrumental in increased department revenue by \$1.25 million in just three years using the funding to enhance department activities and structures; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, wishes to express its sincere appreciation and commendation for the dedicated service of **Henry Segura Gonzales** and honorable contributions to the County of Monterey, in various capacities during his tenure and he is wished much happiness as he begins his retirement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this

th day of

, 2021, upon motion of Supervisor

_____, seconded by Supervisor _____, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

I, Valerie 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 _____, on _____, 2021.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Monterey, State of California

By _____
, Deputy