

Resolution No:

Adopt a Resolution recognizing and congratulating **Paulette Lynch**)
for thirty years of leadership to Monterey County's creative sector)
and congratulating her on her retirement after fifteen years)
as executive director of the Arts Council for Monterey County.....)

WHEREAS, Paulette Lynch co-founded First Night Monterey in 1992 and successfully led the organization for ten years before she became Executive Director of the Arts Council for Monterey County in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Paulette Lynch led the Arts Council to transformation and growth, reanimating its mission, building greater equity in funding for the arts throughout the county, providing unifying leadership in the creative sector, developing award-winning programs throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, Paulette Lynch coined the phrase “The Arts are the Answer” to bring everyone in our county powerful and transformational benefits of the arts in the classroom, the community, juvenile justice, health systems, and economic development, including Professional Artists in the Schools to thirty-five school districts and 20,000 students, the two thousand four hundred square foot Pajaro Park Community Mural, the 2015 National Association of Counties Award for Innovation program “Art as Healing Intervention” for incarcerated youth at the Monterey County Probation Department Salinas Youth Center; and

WHEREAS, Paulette Lynch led the increase and diversification of Arts Council revenues, including restoration of county funding, eighty arts grantees per year in all areas of the county and every discipline, assistance to ten arts or cultural groups gaining nonprofit status, developing original bilingual science-integrated arts programming with funding from National Oceanic Atmospheric Association (NOAA) and the Monterey Bay Aquarium, supported development of the Greenfield Cultural Art Center; and

WHEREAS, Paulette Lynch created the annual Champion of the Arts Gala that honors seven arts nonprofit organizations and individuals who have made profound and lasting contributions, throughout Monterey County; and

WHEREAS, Paulette Lynch has won numerous awards and honors for her work to improve the quality of life for Monterey County residents through the arts, including the 2008 Monterey County Weekly Editor’s Pick for Community Leadership Best of Monterey County, the 2009 City of Seaside twenty-fifth Anniversary Award for Lifetime Support of Youth in the Arts, the 2013 Monterey County Commission on the Status of Women Outstanding Woman of Monterey County, and the 2013 Monterey County Weekly Top 25 Game-Changing Leaders of Monterey County, and

WHEREAS, Paulette Lynch has been a catalyst for making this region the best place to live, work and visit.

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 **Paulette**

Lynch for thirty years of leadership to Monterey County's creative sector, founding First Night Monterey, and her retirement after fifteen years as Executive Director of the Arts Council for Monterey County, and express our sincere thanks and appreciation for her tireless commitment to improving lives of everyone in Monterey County through the arts.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 1st day of October 2019, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

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 _____ for the meeting on _____.

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

By _____, Deputy