

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt Resolution commending **Leigh Rodriguez** as the recipient of the _____)
Monterey County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement _____)
of Colored People’s (NAACP) Tolly & Cleo Martin Spirit of Partnership Award.....)

WHEREAS, Leigh Rodriguez is the fifth child of seven children, the second of three sons, born to Siverio and Eleuteria Rodriguez, immigrants from the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, Leigh Rodriguez’s father was an Army veteran of World War II, and the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, was captured and was a prisoner of war during World War II, and who he credits as his greatest influence in life as his hero and mentor; and

WHEREAS, Leigh Rodriguez graduated from Seaside High School in 1975, where he read “Soul on Ice” by Eldridge Cleaver, the “Autobiography of Malcolm X”, and “future Shock” by Alvin Toffler and each of these books greatly influence his political thinking and outlook on life; and

WHEREAS, Leigh Rodriguez has a Bachelor’s degree from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and a doctorate of juris prudence from New College of California, School of Law. At New College he received his only “A” from Angela Davis and her sister, Fania Davis, in their Sexism and the law class, writing a paper on “Pilipino Women and the Law”. **Leigh Rodriguez** also attended graduate school in business and in taxation, but his father wanted him to become a lawyer, and so he did; and

WHEREAS, Leigh Rodriguez volunteered for California Rural Legal Assistance in their civil until while in law school for summer, and during law school he also worked for several law firms; and

WHEREAS, Leigh Rodriguez served as a judge pro tem for the Superior Court of Monterey County from 1999 to 2012, served as a private paid mediator, have acted as a fee arbitrator with the Monterey County Bar Association and the California State Bar, and is currently serving as a judge pro tem for the Superior Court of Santa Clara County;

WHEREAS, Leigh Rodriguez is admitted to practice in the State of California, State of Hawaii, and the District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, Leigh Rodriguez currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Door to Hope, and is on the Executive Board of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Monterey County Chapter, and has been President of the Monterey Village Homeowners Association, and has served on several boards of directors, including the United Way of the Monterey Peninsula (now the United Way of Monterey County), Kiwanis Club Monterey, and Legal Aid of Monterey County. He has also served on the Civil Grand Juries for the County of

Monterey in 1995 and 1997, and currently the National Association for the Advancement of Colored Peoples representative on the Monterey County Sheriff's Community Committee; and

WHEREAS, Leigh Rodriguez is a life member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and has been a member of the local branch since 1998. He is currently is involved as a member of the legal redress committee which receives and investigates complaints alleging discrimination and, if the complaints are valid, seeks redress; and

WHEREAS, Leigh Rodriguez is the proud father of two sons who are both enrolled in the California State University system, and he hopes that he has taught them that education is the best opportunity, as his parents instilled in him.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize and commend **Leigh Rodriguez** as the 2015 recipient of the Monterey County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's Tolly & Cleo Martin Spirit of Partnership Award.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this XX day of March, 2016 upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, and carried by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Gail T. Borkowski, 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 at page -- of Minute Book , on March , 2016.

DATED:

Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California
