

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt Resolution commending **Ruthie Watts** as the recipient)
of the Monterey County Branch of the National Association for)
the Advancement of Colored People's President's Award.....)

WHEREAS, Ruthie Watts moved with her family to the Monterey Peninsula in 1965 and became involved in the community, first as Charm Director for the Cotillion Ball, and then with the Ms. Black Teenage California Pageant; and

WHEREAS, Ruthie Watts attended her first meeting of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in 1977, at which time she was selected as Membership Chairperson, a position she would hold for twelve years; and

WHEREAS, Ruthie Watts served as chair of the NAACP Life Membership Banquet Committee for thirty-years, which included two years serving on the National Life Membership Committee and was given the honor of serving as President of the Monterey County Branch of the NAACP in 1986, having first served as its Vice President in the four years prior, and served as President in 1989 when the first NAACP office was opened on the Monterey Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, Ruthie Watts has been presented with numerous honors including the NAACP Life Membership Award, the NAACP Western Area Unsung Hero Award, which was presented at the NAACP National Convention in New York, the State Legislature's Woman of the Year Award, the ACLU Ralph B. Akins Civil Rights Award, a KSBW Jefferson Award, the Seaside/Sand City Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award, and a Congressional Award from Congressman Sam Farr; and

WHEREAS, while being self-employed for thirty-five years, **Ruthie Watts** has also served in numerous volunteer leadership positions such as: Board Member to the Salvation Army of the Monterey Peninsula, Past President of the Monterey Bay Links, Inc., Founding Member of the Foundation to Support the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District, past President and organizer of the Coalition of Scholarship Organizations, twelve-year member of the Monterey Peninsula College Affirmative Action Board, and two years as 1st Vice President of the Seaside Art Commission.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Monterey County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize and commend **Ruthie Watts** as the 2017 recipient of the Monterey County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's President's Award.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this XX day of March 2017 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 a page – of Minute Book _____, on March XX, 2017.

DATED:

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