

# County of Monterey

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLUTION

**Resolution No.: 24-237**  
Adopt a resolution proclaiming Dana Kent, M.D the Democratic Women of )  
Monterey County's 2024 Visionary Leader Honoree..... )

**WHEREAS**, Dana Kent, M.D. received a B.A. in philosophy from Radcliffe College/Harvard University and an R.N. degree from Hartnell College. She pursued her medical education at Harvard Medical School at age 34 with 2 young children. Dana completed the residency program in Family Medicine at Natividad, where she was co-chief resident.

**WHEREAS**, Dana first became involved in progressive causes in high school, in the late 1960's. After college and before nursing and medical schools, Dana worked for the United Farm Workers Union (UFW) for 3 years. She met her future husband, Sen. Bill Monning (Ret.), on Gabilan Street in Salinas, CA in 1976.

**WHEREAS**, in the early 1980's, in response to the increasing number of Salvadoran refugees and their needs, Dana co-founded the Salvadoran Medical Relief Fund. Also, in the early 1980's, after a mass pesticide poisoning incident, Dana volunteered as an interpreter at what would become the Monterey County Pesticide Coalition.

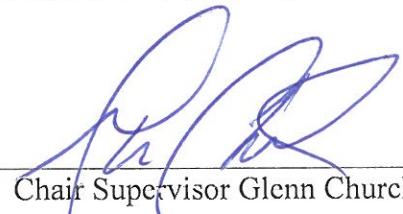
**WHEREAS**, after finishing her residency, Dana spent her clinical career as a family doctor at Natividad in Salinas and at Monterey County Health Department's clinics in Marina and Seaside. At that time, she also worked in indigenous communities in Chiapas, Mexico during a cholera epidemic.

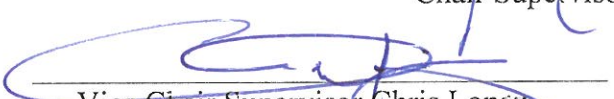
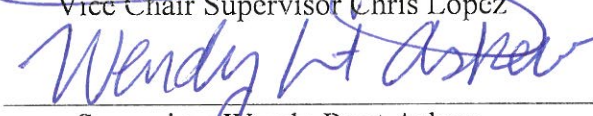
**WHEREAS**, Dana spent the last 10 years of her professional career at Natividad Foundation, with a focus on disease prevention in the underserved population. She co-created and co-directed "5 Steps to Prevent Diabetes", an evidence-based program located in community sites throughout Monterey County. Dana was also Medical Director of Natividad's Diabetes Education Center.

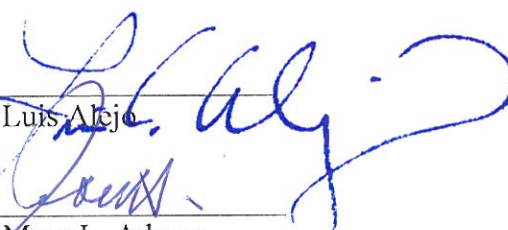
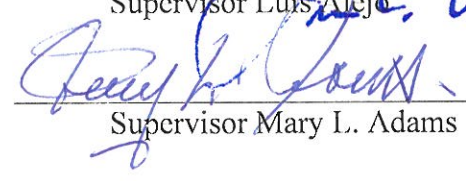
**WHEREAS**, Dana and Bill live in Monterey County. They have 2 adult daughters and 3 grandchildren. Dana currently volunteers with Swing Left and continues to promote public health campaigns on many fronts.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, hereby recognizes Dana Kent, M.D. as the Democratic Women of Monterey County's 2024 Visionary Leader Honoree (Full Board).

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024

  
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