

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt Resolution Commending **Dewayne Ray Woods**, Assistant County Administrative Officer, on His Retirement After 23 Years of Dedicated Public Service to the Residents of Monterey County and a Total of 25 Years of Dedicated Public Service to the Residents of the State of California.

WHEREAS, Dewayne Ray Woods, graduated from California State University Chico with a Masters Degree in public administration and Bachelor of Arts Degree in political science/pre-law; and

WHEREAS, Dewayne Ray Woods, began his public service career as a Juvenile Counselor with the Butte County Probation Department in 1994; subsequently promoting to Management Analyst for the City of Pasadena in 1998; and

WHEREAS, In August of 2000, **Dewayne Ray Woods** began his tenure with the County of Monterey as Finance Manager with the Office of the Public Defender and quickly advanced through the ranks serving as Principal Administrative Analyst in 2005, County Budget Director in 2006, and Assistant County Administrative Officer in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Dewayne Ray Woods led staff in the successful financial turn-around of Natividad Medical Center, restructuring reporting and oversight both fiscally and administratively of the hospital, resulting in precise financial reporting and fostering organizational confidence in fiscal reports from both a policy and financial perspective, and was instrumental in the hospital taking the operations from an annual loss exceeding \$24 million to an annual profit consistently over the last decade; and

WHEREAS, Dewayne Ray Woods spearheaded the acquisition and remodel of 300,000 sq. ft. Class A office space at the Schilling Complex, and provided executive oversight and project management of a \$40 million renovation of the East/West Wing Historic Courthouse for use by the District Attorney; and

WHEREAS, Dewayne Ray Woods successfully negotiated favorable terms regarding AB 85 with the California State Department of Finance retaining in excess of \$8 million annually for the County, and restructured the Behavioral Health financial structure mitigating millions in General Fund subsidies annually; and

WHEREAS, Dewayne Ray Woods, successfully managed and oversaw an annual budget in excess of \$1.5 billion, and increased cash on hand from below \$13 million to over \$100 million, thereby eliminating the need for temporary cash flow loans; and

WHEREAS, Dewayne Ray Woods, managed County financial ratings from a downgrade rating in 2003 to a stable AA rating in 2016, increasing General Fund Balances from \$31.8 million to \$140.8 in the same period; and

WHEREAS, Dewayne Ray Woods, negotiated labor agreements fully implementing the California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act ahead of schedule gaining employees' acceptance to contribute an employee share towards pension costs; and

WHEREAS, Dewayne Ray Woods, created transparency regarding County costs for Medically Indigent Adults reducing unintended subsidies by over \$6 million annually while assuring access to medical services; and

WHEREAS, Dewayne Ray Woods instituted new strategic financial policies such as pre-funding of Other Post-Employment Benefits, designation policy for termination benefits, allocation methodology for funding cost plan exempted liabilities, and self-insurance policy and funding guidelines; and

WHEREAS, Dewayne Ray Woods successfully implemented and instituted financial policies for prepayment of pension obligations under a newly established County 115 Pension Trust; and

WHEREAS, Dewayne Ray Woods, played a pivotal role in the County achieving an A3 rating from Moody's Investors Service with a "positive" outlook, and an AA from Standard & Poor's (S&P), with S&P citing the County's strong management practices, including its "detailed three-year forecasting model, annually updated capital plans, and quarterly analytical reports on financial and investment performance.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, hereby wishes to express its sincere appreciation for the dedicated public service and many accomplishments of **Dewayne Ray Woods** to the residents of the County of Monterey and the people of California in various capacities from January 1994 to June 2023. We wish him the best on his well-deserved retirement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2023, 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 _____, 2023.

Dated:

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

By _____
Deputy