

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt resolution honoring **Maria Orozco** for her nineteen years of dedicated public service to the City of Gonzales

WHEREAS, Maria Orozco served as a Council Member for the City of Gonzales from November 19, 2001 to December 15, 2008; as Mayor Pro Tem from December 2, 2002 to December 6, 2004; and as Mayor from November 2008 to November 2020; and

WHEREAS, Maria Orozco generously gave of her time and provided selfless efforts as a City Council Member and Mayor in service to the community of Gonzales; and

WHEREAS, Maria Orozco served in a dignified, faithful, impartial and professional manner, with the highest level of integrity, honesty, dignity, and accountability; and

WHEREAS, Maria Orozco, through her nineteen years of service, has served and held leadership roles in numerous boards and commissions including the League of California Cities Monterey Bay Division, Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC), Mayor Selection Committee-Mayors Association, Monterey Salinas Transit (MST), Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), Homeless Coalition Leadership Council, Monterey County Airport Land Use Commission, Restorative Justice Commission, OEDC Business Development Committee, the Transportation-Light Rail Committee, and the Monterey Bay Community Power Agency; and

WHEREAS, Maria Orozco, throughout her tenure not only served on many regional and countywide boards and commissions, but locally, she served and helped shepherd and guide the Community Center Committee, Economic Development Committee, the Police Station Project Committee, and the City-School Joint Steering Committee; and

WHEREAS, many of the capital projects accomplishments during her nineteen years of service as Mayor and Council Member, include the completion of the Industrial Park; the construction of the Toots Vosti Memorial Recreational Center; the completion of the Downtown Street Improvement Project; the construction of Phase I of the Canyon Creek Park; the construction of a 36 unit and 44-unit Multi-Family Housing Projects; improvements and expansions to the City's water and sewer systems; the construction of a new Police Station; modernizing a lot of the critical equipment needed by the Gonzales Volunteer Fire and Police Departments; the renovation of the Community Pool; upgrades to the City Parks playground, restroom and lighting facilities; the renovation of Alta Street and of Iverson-Gloria Road; and the significant increase to the Community's Health Access, which include the Taylor Farms Family Health & Wellness Center, and Clinica de Salud del Valle de Salinas; and

WHEREAS, Maria Orozco's nineteen years saw many successful programs and initiatives, including but not limited to: the implementation of the very successful Small Business Improvement Loans and Façade Grants program; First time Homebuyer and Rehabilitation Grant/Loan Program; the Strengthening of Cooperation with the School District that resulted in the signing of a Cooperative Agreement and Partnership on many programs and projects like the Joint Use Gymnasium, joint funding of a School Resource Officer and License Clinical Social Worker positions; the development and approval of strong partnerships with Hartnell Junior College, California State University-Monterey Bay, and Middlebury Institute of International Studies; the Development of a City Vision and Mission Statement; the establishment of the Sister City Relationship with Tateposco, Cocula, Jalisco, México; the significant expansion of the City's youth recreational programs and services; the establishment of the Gonzales Youth Council; the implantation of a Health in All Policies framework that lead to the adoption of a Health Element in the General Plan; the successful annexation and expansion of the City's Sphere of Influence; and the Successful Management of the City's Budgetary Resources; and

WHEREAS, Maria Orozco received many awards and recognitions including, but not limited to: the Inaugural 2018 Champion for Children Award from the Monterey County Children’s Council; Clean Air Leader Award from the Monterey Bay Air Resources District; Helen Putnam Award from the League of California Cities for Excellence in City-Business Relations; 2019 Project of the Year Transportation – Under \$5 million and 2017 Project of Year Award of Merit from the Monterey Bay Chapter of APWA; 2019 Transportation Excellence Award from TAMC; 2017 Economic Vitality Award in Government from the Monterey County Business Council; the 2017 Platinum, Gold and Silver Levels Spotlight Awards in best practice activities, community greenhouse gas reductions, and energy savings; Public-Private Partnership Award from the Monterey Bay Economic Partnership; 2011 Governor’s Environmental & Economic Leadership Award (GEELA); and perhaps the award that best exemplifies her 19 years serving on the City Council as a Councilmember and Mayor, is the City of Gonzales being recognized as one of only five communities nationwide awarded a Culture of Health Prize by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Maria Orozco served on countless local community efforts and organizations, and donates countless volunteer hours to the school sports, the arts, Little League, Softball, Soccer, and was and is an active participant in a variety of other service efforts too numerous to mention.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, on behalf of the County and all of its residents thereof, hereby acknowledges, commends, and thanks **Maria Orozco** for her nineteen years of dedicated public service to the City of Gonzales

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this _____ day of _____, 2020 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