

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

Resolution No.

Adopt resolution commending **Josephine Morris**  
as the recipient of the National Association for the  
Advancement of Colored People 2013 President's Award

**WHEREAS, Josephine Morris** was born in Mesa, Arizona on February 13, 1925, and along with her family, she worked in the cotton fields throughout her formative years; and

**WHEREAS,** As a migrant farm worker, **Josephine Morris** worked hard and long hours in the fields, and to follow the crop, her family moved to the Central Valley in 1930 where she continued to work the fields picking cotton, tomatoes, grapes and other vegetables until she was eighteen years old; and

**WHEREAS, Josephine Morris** married Morgan Morris, an army soldier, and traveled to many military installations as an army wife. She first arrived in Monterey County in 1962 when her husband got orders to be stationed at Fort Ord, California. As with many military families, she spent time in Germany as a military wife, eventually moving to Utah, and returning to Fort Ord, California in 1972, where her husband retired, eventually settling in Salinas, California; and

**WHEREAS, Josephine Morris** worked as a Registered Nurse in her professional capacity, working in many local hospitals in the area, including the former LTD Hospital in Monterey, Salinas Valley Memorial and retired from Natividad Medical Center; and

**WHEREAS,** Upon **Josephine Morris's** travels back to Monterey County, she joined the former Salinas branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in 1970, where she served in many capacities throughout her tenure with that branch, including serving as a past President, as the ACT-SO Chair and sat on many committees within the Branch, including the Education Committee and was instrumental in helping to merge the former Monterey Peninsula and Salinas branches and helped make it possible for the branches to create the new Monterey County branch; and

**WHEREAS, Josephine Morris** has volunteered countless volunteer hours throughout her lifetime in many areas, including a Salvation Army volunteer, her ministry work into institutions such as the Monterey County Juvenile Hall and the County Jail, providing readings twice a month at the Kids' Café and works with many children teaching them to read and is involved in an educational ministry whereby she works with young children, helping them prepare themselves at an early age so that they can graduate from high school; and

**WHEREAS, Josephine Morris** is a Soldier in the Salvation Army Church and worships at St. James CME Church in Salinas, her 2<sup>nd</sup> church and her relationship with God leads her in all of her actions; she believes in the book of Proverbs 3, 5, and 6 and says that "I can do all things through Christ"; and

**WHEREAS, Josephine Morris** is a nurturing, spiritual person and believes that "Children need love the most when they deserve it the least"; and

**WHEREAS,** The Lord blessed **Josephine Morris** and Morgan with three children. She has one living son Daniel, is a grandmother of four, and has four great-grandchildren; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey on behalf of the County and all citizens thereof, hereby acknowledges, commends and recognizes **Josephine Morris** as the recipient of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People 2013 President's Award.