

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

Resolution No:

Adopt a resolution honoring **Dr. Deneen Guss** upon her selection as the **2021 Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Ruth Vreeland Memorial Public Official of the Year**.

WHEREAS, since 1994, the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has awarded distinguished civic leaders—whose qualifications include serving as an elected official or as an official in the public sector, having had a significant positive economic impact on the business community, and having demonstrated community leadership to the citizens of the Monterey Peninsula—with the *Ruth Vreeland Memorial Public Official of the Year Award*; and

WHEREAS, **Dr. Deneen Guss** was sworn in as the Monterey County Superintendent of Schools in January 2019 and is serving in her first term of office. **Dr. Guss** continually supports Monterey County’s 24 local school districts and the over 75,000 students they serve; and

WHEREAS, **Dr. Deneen Guss** is a 35-year veteran educator with a doctorate degree in Educational Leadership. She served as a classroom teacher for 10 years, including two years as a teacher in a bilingual program in South Central Los Angeles. She has also served as a college professor, mentor teacher for new teachers, and a master teacher for teacher candidates completing their student teaching experience. She continues to be a strong advocate for the teaching profession. **Dr. Guss** has been an administrator here in Monterey County for 25 years serving as an assistant principal, principal, director of curriculum and instruction, associate superintendent of educational services and as district superintendent. Deneen also served as the Deputy Superintendent of the Monterey County Office of Education for 6 years prior to becoming County Superintendent. During her tenure she has received numerous awards for her service in education and her service to the community; and

WHEREAS, **Dr. Deneen Guss** serves as a Core Convener for the Bright Futures Cradle to Career Initiative, is a member and current Past Chair of the Monterey County Children’s Council, and is a member of the Hartnell College Bond Oversight Committee. She was also just appointed to serve on the Fiscal Crisis & Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) Board beginning in January 2021. **Dr. Guss** serves on two non-profit boards: The Bob Hoover Academy and Girl’s Inc. of the Central Coast, and is also an active Rotarian; and

WHEREAS, With a lens on community and equity, **Dr. Deneen Guss** is focused on strengthening community engagement and improving educational outcomes for Monterey County’s youth.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all the County and its residents thereof, hereby congratulates **Dr. Deneen Guss** upon her selection as the **2021 Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Ruth Vreeland Memorial Public Official of the Year**.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2022, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT: