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

Resolution No.Adopt Resolution congratulating the)Monterey Cowboy Poetry and)Music Festival on its 15th year Anniversary...)

WHEREAS, the Monterey Cowboy Poetry and Music Festival was started by former Monterey Police Chief, Gary Brown; and

WHEREAS, the **Monterey Cowboy Poetry and Music Festival** is a popular annual festival for all ages that brings people together from all over the United States and Canada to enjoy and learn more about the "cowboy way of life", including its history, current values and culture; and

WHEREAS, the **Monterey Cowboy Poetry and Music Festival** features many multi-award-winning western performers that converge annually to celebrate the western heritage of Monterey County; and

WHEREAS, the Monterey Cowboy Poetry and Music Festival celebrates Monterey's contribution to our western heritage with cowboy poetry, music and a first class Cowboy Art & Western Marketplace; and

WHEREAS, the **Monterey Cowboy Poetry and Music Festival's** Cowboy Art & Western Marketplace features dozens of artisans that offer an array interesting Western art, photography and books, clothing, custom and antique saddles, Navajo blankets and more; and

WHEREAS, the Monterey Cowboy Poetry and Music Festival also coordinates the popular "Cowboy in the Schools Program" where volunteers work with local educators to introduce the concept of cowboy culture and the influence of the vaquero to a diverse group of elementary school students; and

WHEREAS, the **Monterey Cowboy Poetry and Music Festival** is recognized for its contributions to the history, arts and culture of Monterey County by preserving and promoting our region's vaquero and cowboy culture, by promoting cowboy poetry, western music, and by bringing the best cowboy poets, western music entertainers and artisans of fine western art and gear to Monterey County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Monterey County, on behalf of the County and all its citizens thereof, acknowledges the valuable contributions of the **Monterey Cowboy Poetry and Music Festival** and asks the community to join in the celebration of the **15th Annual Monterey Cowboy Poetry and Music Festival** December 13-15, 2013.

PASSED AND ADOPTED upon motion of Supervisor XXX seconded by Supervisor XXX and carried this 3rd day of December 2013, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: NOES: ABSENT:

I, Gail T. Borkowski, 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 Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book 77, for the meeting on December 3, 2013

Dated:

Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Monterey, State of California.

By____