

# County of Monterey

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 24-150

Adopt a resolution honoring **The Western Stage** its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration 2024. )

**WHEREAS, The Western Stage** celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2024 as a vital part of Hartnell College's mission to provide education, experience, and vocational and avocational training in the arts to students and community members from the age of five to eighty-five; and

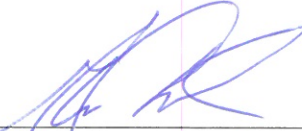
**WHEREAS, The Western Stage's** uniqueness as a program is built upon the opportunity for local student and community talent to work side-by-side with theatre professionals, resulting in a high standard of performance and production for Salinas Valley Communities and an early, advanced practical experience for students to experience the rigor of higher education and the professional arena to prepare for transfer; and

**WHEREAS, The Western Stage's** niche in the theatre community is created by its history with NEA supported New Works and Original Stage Adaptations, including the works of Studs Terkel, Ray Bradbury, Victor Villaseñor, Hector Armienta, and the presentation of several adaptations of John Steinbeck's novels, most significantly its three-part, nine-hour cornerstone production of *East of Eden*; and

**WHEREAS, The Western Stage's** ongoing commitment to present lesser-known works as a means to amplifying new voices, improving its relevance and reflecting the resiliency and richness of Salinas Valley stories and shared lived experiences across cultural distinctions; and

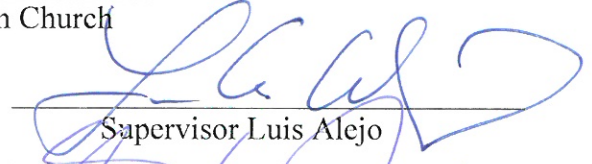
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, honors **The Western Stage** on its 50th Anniversary celebration in 2024.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024

  
Chair Supervisor Glenn Church

  
Vice Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez

  
Supervisor Wendy Root Askew

  
Supervisor Luis Alejo

  
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