

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

Resolution No.

Adopt a resolution recognizing **Laura Lienk and Return of the Natives** for their contributions to the County of Monterey to ensure that visitors and residents gain an appreciation for our county's unique cultural and environmental importance

WHEREAS, Laura Lienk is an active Applied Environmental Science, Biology, and Chemistry lecturer and enthusiastic volunteer and director of Return of the Natives who seeks to connect citizens, both locals and visitors, to the vast array of native plants and animals that call the Monterey Bay home; and

WHEREAS, Laura Lienk and Return of the Natives assist in the county's native plant greenhouse and garden and sow seeds, transplant, weed, water, and care for native plants grown for habitat restoration; and

WHEREAS, Laura Lienk and Return of the Natives community events are held on most Saturdays throughout the year to restore native habitat and cleanup our green spaces in many sites including Fort Ord Dunes and Fort Ord National Monument, CSUMB, Monterey State Beach, and Creeks of Salinas; and

WHEREAS, Return of the Natives volunteers continue to clean up and restore our creeks, rivers, and streams, improving not only our watersheds and marine sanctuary but quality of life for all who live in the communities across Monterey County; and

WHEREAS, many of **Return of the Natives** restoration sites are located within the Bureau of Land Management Fort Ord Public Lands, the Creeks of Salinas, California State Parks, and Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District lands; and

WHEREAS, Laura Lienk and Return of the Natives work with the Service Learning department at California State University Monterey Bay to provide meaningful opportunities to help achieve the goal of *bringing people closer to nature and nature closer to people* and encourages CSUMB students to take a leadership role while exercising the skills and ideas that they have been learning in their classes; and

WHEREAS, With the help of **Return of the Natives'** educators, student staff and volunteers, native plant gardens were installed at 11 Monterey Peninsula Unified School District elementary schools and annually, **Return of the Natives** adds to this list, and assists where they can; and

WHEREAS, Laura Lienk and Return of the Natives offer educational programs with class experiences including topics such as plastic in the ocean, native plants and animals and watershed science in addition to field trip experiences and activities include bird watching, trash cleanup and planting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, hereby adopt a resolution recognizing **Laura Lienk and Return of the Natives** for their contributions to the County of Monterey to ensure

that visitors and residents gain an appreciation for our county's unique cultural and environmental importance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 28th day of July, 2020, upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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 _____, on _____, 2020.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors,
County of Monterey, State of California

By _____
, Deputy