

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

Resolution No. 12-236

Resolution honoring Monterey County)
Ohlone Basket Weaver **Linda Yamane**.....)

WHEREAS, the basket traditions of the Ohlone, the indigenous peoples of Point Sur, Monterey Bay, and lower Salinas Valley, had essentially vanished; and

WHEREAS, **Linda Yamane** may have single-handedly resurrected the art of Ohlone basketry and has been called “The Last Ohlone Basket Weaver”; and

WHEREAS, **Linda Yamane** began researching two to three dozen old baskets known to exist worldwide and has worked diligently to restore the traditional basket knowledge of the Ohlone people; and

WHEREAS, **Linda Yamane** spends 2,500 to 3,000 hours creating each basket; and

WHEREAS, in 2011 **Linda Yamane** was commissioned by the Oakland Museum to create a ceremonial basket valued at \$80,000 and the Creative Work Fund granted her \$40,000 to complete three additional baskets. Linda has conducted more than a dozen public weaving demonstrations at the museum over a two year period; and

WHEREAS, one of **Linda Yamane’s** baskets was loaned to the Big Sur Land Trust’s Carmel Valley Visitors Center. The land trust developed a public program around Yamane’s basket to teach people about the native culture and its connection with the landscape; and

WHEREAS, **Linda Yamane’s** research of Ohlone basket weaving has taken her to The Smithsonian facility in Maryland, The American Museum of Natural History in New York, The Musée du Quai Branly in Paris and The British Museum in London; and

WHEREAS, **Linda Yamane** also sings, writes, draws, paints and builds traditional tule canoes. Linda takes pleasure in teaching these skills and talents while volunteering as an educational outreach consultant in local schools in Monterey County; and

WHEREAS, **Linda Yamane** has been teaching her weaving techniques to a small group of Ohlone descendants with the hopes that her basketry will help reunite the Ohlone people who have been scattered by history as well as to the larger public, particularly on the Central Coast, in an effort to cultivate more awareness and respect for Rumsien Ohlone history; and

WHEREAS, **Linda Yamane** was honored at a celebration unveiling her Ohlone basket project at the Oakland Museum on July 28, 2012; and

WHEREAS, **Linda Yamane** studied the local anthropological records and reconstructed the Rumsien language, one of eight Ohlone dialects, making her an expert in both Rumsien language and song.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors, County of Monterey, honors **Linda Yamane** for her many accomplishments in restoring the art of Ohlone basket weaving and cultivating more public awareness and respect for Rumsien Ohlone history and wishes her continued success, peace and happiness in all her future endeavors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of August, 2012.

Dated: August 28, 2012



Dave Potter

Dave Potter, Chair

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

Denise Hancock Fox

, Deputy