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

## **Resolution No.:**

Adopt Resolution honoring Child Support Services Director <b>Stephen H. Kennedy</b>	)
upon his retirement from the Monterey County District Attorney and Child Support	)
Services after serving 21 years of outstanding county service	)

WHEREAS, Stephen H. Kennedy started his career in 1971 in San Luis Obispo County, working as a law clerk and subsequently as a full time investigator from 1972, until he was recruited to Sonoma County as a supervising investigator and later in 1979 until April of 1994, served as the Administrator for the Humboldt County District Attorney's Family Support Division; and

WHEREAS, Stephen H. Kennedy was recruited and served under the authority of the District Attorney of Monterey County from April of 1994 as the Administrator of the District Attorney's Family Support Division, during which time he greatly helped in the expansion of the child support enforcement program in Monterey County, and received numerous awards including the *Outstanding Individual – Manager of the Year* award in 1997 from the State of California; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 1<sup>st</sup> 2001, **Stephen H. Kennedy** was appointed by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors to direct the newly established Monterey County Child Support Services Department, and continued to build a team of Monterey County employees who have successfully increased the performance of the Department, reaching an all-time collection total for child support of over \$40 million dollars; and

WHEREAS, Stephen H. Kennedy has worked with the National Child Support Association in various roles and special committees, as well as with the California Family Support Council and also the Western Interstate Child Support Enforcement Council, serving as President for both organizations and has been instrumental in providing leadership and direction, by serving as the Chair for Research Committee of the California Child Support Directors Association for many years; and

WHEREAS, Stephen H. Kennedy continues to be recognized for his dedication and tenacity in helping families receive reliable and consistent child support payments, and was one of two recipients who received an Outstanding Individual Achievement Award from the Western Interstate Child Support enforcement Council in 2013; and

**WHEREAS, Stephen H. Kennedy's** career of over 40 years of dedicated services, and contributions to the California Child Support Program, was recognized in 2013 by the Child Support Directors Association of California and awarded the *Truly B. Knox Lifetime Award* for his outstanding contribution to the Child Support Enforcement Program; and

**WHEREAS, Stephen H. Kennedy** has chosen to retire from the Monterey County Child Support Services Department after 21 years of dedicated service to Monterey County, effective April 18<sup>th</sup> 2015, and as he enters a new stage in his life, those who have been fortunate in working with him will remember his dedication to the Child Support Program, not only within Monterey County, but throughout the state and nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all of its citizens thereof, hereby acknowledges, commends, and thanks