

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

**Resolution No.:**

Adopt Resolution recognizing 27 years of the **Read with Monterey** )  
**County Free Libraries** program and the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the )  
California Library Literacy Services Program..... )

**WHEREAS**, studies indicate that 23 percent of adults in California, and 80,000-90,000 adults in Monterey County experience literacy issues that severely impact their lives and families, their ability to work productively, and their full civic participation; and

**WHEREAS**, California's and Monterey County's economic and technological growth, prosperity, government and culture depend on an educated community and workforce, the foundation of which is the ability to read and understand the written word; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1984 the California Legislature established California Library Literacy Services, to foster English language literacy services for adult learners and their families through California's public libraries, and **Monterey County Free Libraries** with the State's support established the literacy program in 1987; and

**WHEREAS**, each year over 10,000 trained volunteers in over 800 library locations statewide provide literacy tutoring for more than 22,000 adult learners, with over 80 tutors regularly assisting more than 100 learners in Monterey County by providing one-on-one, small group, and classroom tutoring to help adults read, write, speak, and understand English better; and

**WHEREAS**, adult learners with very young children receive monthly book kits that they can use to inspire a love of reading in their children, helping to break the generational cycle of low literacy; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1987 **Read with Monterey County Free Libraries** has received significant funding from the state, without which the program may have been unable to run; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Library Literacy Services Program and **Read with Monterey County Free Libraries** make a significant difference in the lives of people throughout the State and in Monterey County;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all citizens thereof, hereby proclaims September 2014 as "Adult Literacy Awareness Month"; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board hereby congratulates and thanks the California State Library staff, and the **Monterey County Free Libraries** staff, volunteers and the adult learners who, through their caring and dedication, are striving to improve the lives, prospects and overall wellbeing of all Monterey County residents.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014 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 \_\_\_\_\_, for the meeting on September 9, 2014.

Dated:

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

By \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy