

Monterey County Board of Supervisors

Resolution

Resolution No: 19-292

Resolution honoring Mary C. Owens)
as a recipient of the 2019 NAACP Presidents Award.....)

WHEREAS, Mary C. Owens is being honored by the Monterey County Branch of the NAACP with the Presidents Award at the 2019 Annual Life Membership Gala; and

WHEREAS, Mary C. Owens was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts to a family who emigrated to the Eastern US from the Cape Verde islands at the turn of the 20th century. She married early and had five sons by the age of 28, moving with her husband to the Monterey Peninsula in 1961. Stationed at Fort Ord with the US Army she purchased her home in Seaside in December of 1968 through work as a private nurse; and

WHEREAS, Mary C. Owens began working as a community liaison at Seaside High School in 1969 and as a single parent, worked and raised her sons, meanwhile returning to school to earn her teaching and counseling credentials. She was employed by the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District for over thirty-five years serving as Dean of Students, Counselor and administrator at Seaside High School, Marin Luther King Middle School in Seaside and Los Arboles Middle School in Marina, California; and

WHEREAS, Mary C. Owens was so well-respected by her colleagues that the Monterey Bay Teachers Association has an award entitled, Mary C. Owens Award which is given annually to an educator who, through his or her own selfless spirit, enhances the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, Mary C. Owens has been the recipient of many honors including: Outstanding Volunteer – NAACP, Certificate of Recognition – Toastmasters of Marina, Outstanding Educator Award – City of Marina, “Yesterday’s Courage Award – Monterey Bay LINKS, Inc.; and was named one of ten “Outstanding Women in Monterey County” for the year 2002; and

WHEREAS, Upon her retirement in 2004, Mary C. Owens purchased her childhood home in Mattapoisett, Massachusetts and dedicated much of her time caring for her elderly Aunt, traveling back and forth between Seaside and Massachusetts until returning permanently to the Monterey Peninsula in early 2018, where she has dedicated her time and attention to working with small children at The Village Project in Seaside.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all citizens thereof, honors Mary C. Owens on her accomplishments, recognizing her significant contributions, and wishes her much success and happiness in all her future endeavors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 10th day of September, 2019.



Supervisor John M. Phillips, Chair

Supervisor Chris Lopez, Vice Chair

Supervisor Luis A. Alejo

Supervisor Jane Parker

Supervisor Mary L. Adams