

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

Resolution No. 16-

Adopt a Resolution commending and honoring **Supervisor Fernando Armenta**)
for his accomplishments over the past 16 years as Monterey County Supervisor)
and for nearly 10 years as Salinas City Council Member upon his retirement)
from public service.....)

WHEREAS, Supervisor Fernando Armenta, born and raised in Salinas, graduated from Salinas High School, and then served in the Vietnam War conflict. As a proud Veteran, he then attended Hartnell College, San Diego State University and San Jose State University where he received a B.A. in Social Welfare and M.S. in Social Work. During this period, he worked for non-profit organizations and for the United Farm Workers of America; and since has proudly demonstrated his commitment to farmworkers through all his years as a public servant; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Fernando Armenta and wife Noemi have resided in East Salinas since 1979 with one son, also a proud veteran, and three grandsons. In 1987, he became Medical Social Work Manager at Natividad Medical Center in Salinas, and has worked for the County of Monterey for nearly 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Fernando Armenta, served as City of Salinas Council Member from 1991-2000, and appointed by his peers as Mayor Pro-Tempore from 1997-2000 until elected as District 1 Monterey County Supervisor; during his tenure, he was recognized for his community and public service, and as pioneer and leader in addressing numerous community civil rights, affordable housing, social service, and healthcare issues; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Fernando Armenta was instrumental in ensuring that healthcare was a priority to the Board of Supervisors assuring that Natividad Medical Center flourished as the County's safety net hospital and key component of the County's integrated healthcare system, ultimately evolving as the regions' prestigious Level II Trauma Center; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Fernando Armenta held public safety as a top priority for the County and helped form the Monterey County Gang Task Force and was instrumental in the partnership for development of the Community Alliance for Safety and Peace that shifted focus from violence suppression to violence prevention as a vital element in making public safety work for our community; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Fernando Armenta, a tireless supporter of working class people and their families, endorsed measures, policies, and programs to create jobs, and promotional and educational opportunities to support residents of District 1 and all of Monterey County; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Fernando Armenta demonstrated commitment to the District 1 greater Salinas residents by advocating for clean, safe water, improved and affordable housing, increased public safety collaboration and partnerships, augmented mental health and social services; and an integrated healthcare system that serves all regardless of the ability to pay. These issues served as the framework of policy directives Mr. Armenta advocated during his entire tenure as a member of the Board of Supervisors for the County of Monterey; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors on behalf of the County and all its citizens thereof, hereby acknowledges **Supervisor Fernando Armenta** for his contributions to the community and status of our entire County, and wishes him continuous success and happiness in all his future endeavors, in retiring, and in continuing his motivation of others to serve as a model for public service and dedication.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th of December 2016, upon the motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, and carried 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 of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book 79 for the meeting on December , 2016.

Dated: December , 2016
File Number: CR

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

By _____
Deputy