

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN AND FOR THE
COUNTY OF MONTEREY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Resolution No.)
Adopt a resolution honoring Janette)
Harkness for her dedicated service and)
passionate commitment to increasing the)
appreciation of the arts in Monterey)
County)

WHEREAS, Janette Harkness is a second-generation ballet teacher in King City California. She has taught hundreds of dancers in Southern Monterey County, not just the art of dance, but a love of ballet, theatre, classical music, poetry, and more; and

WHEREAS, Janette Harkness has choreographed, created programs for the MCFL system, and helped to found the Monterey County Dance Foundation twenty years ago. Because of her dedication to making dance accessible to all through personal scholarships and collaborations the small town of King City, and its south county neighbors are able to boast original Ballets (the Nightingale composed by Steve Ettinger and choreographed entirely by her) as well as one of the longest running Nutcracker Ballets in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Janette Harkness has dedicated her life to starting children off with a love and appreciation for the performing arts and has watched many legacy dancers come into the studio, second and third generation dancers who, because of the passion instilled in them by herself & her mother, want their children to experience the magic of creating art through dance; and

WHEREAS, Janette Harkness expertise extends off the dance floor and into all things theatrical as she trains up crew after crew on theatre care, lighting, sound, backstage etiquette, and prop creation and management. Her skills as a seamstress are apparent in the costumes she creates lovingly for her dancers. Her inclusion of a variety of skill levels and abilities is precious and rare in the ballet industry. She inspires everyone around her to step up and preform to the best of their ability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, hereby acknowledge **Janette Harkness** for her dedicated service and passionate commitment to increasing the appreciation of the arts in Monterey County and further congratulates **Janette Harkness** on being recognized as a 2022 Champion of the Arts awards recipient.