

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

Resolution No:

Resolution honoring **Janice Souza** upon her selection as the)
recipient of the **2017 Valley of the World Education Award....)**

WHEREAS, born in the San Joaquin Valley, **Janice Souza** moved to Salinas with her family when she was in the second grade to grow up on an eighty acre ranch raising sheep, hogs, and calves, and was active in the Salinas FFA and a member of the Spring and Buena Vista 4-H clubs, obtaining the "All-Star" rank; and

WHEREAS, after her 1973 graduation from Salinas High, **Janice Souza** attended Whitworth College in Spokane, WA as a political science major and Cal Poly, SLO as a crop science major; and

WHEREAS, while her goal was to pursue a career in teaching, the first part of **Janice Souza's** career was spent in product development and marketing with Royal Sluis, an international vegetable seed company; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, **Janice Souza** was hired to teach an agriculture business occupations class at Everett Alvarez High School, and after the first year was asked to start school's the agriculture program and to establish an FFA chapter; and

WHEREAS, with the passage of "No Child Left Behind," **Janice Souza** went back to school to obtain an agriculture science degree and her agriculture teaching credential, while continuing to run the Ag Program at Everett Alvarez; and

WHEREAS, **Janice Souza** has grown the program to a three-person department, which features a solid FFA component, an International Agribusiness Program, and includes an operating greenhouse, shade house, and garden area, computer lab, and science laboratory, and the "Eagle Produce Store," where students are trained in entrepreneurial and customer service skills; and

WHEREAS, the program began with 60 students, **Janice Souza's** efforts have resulted in over 300 students now enrolled in Biology and Sustainable Agriculture, Ag Systems Management, Environmental Horticulture, Soil and Ag Chemistry, Floral, and Ag Business classes, and a curriculum that meets the UC/CSU standards; and

WHEREAS, during **Janice Souza's** tenure at Everett Alvarez High School, she has served Department Chair, Coordinator for the International Agri-business Academy, an advisor for the FFA, mentor for other agricultural teachers in the district, section, and state, and in 2014-15, Regional President for the

South Coast Region of the CA Agriculture Association and was the Region's candidate for the Teacher of Excellence Award; and was selected Teacher of the Year for Everett Alvarez High School; and

WHEREAS, Janice Souza is proud of her students, with some of her greatest joy coming from watching a non-traditional agriculture student develop a love for agriculture and move forward to a career in the field; and

WHEREAS, Janice was married to her husband Sam for twenty years prior to his passing in 2009, and in 2012 adopted two teenage children, Mario and Alma, whom she is very proud to call her own;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all its citizens thereof, hereby congratulates **Janice Souza** upon her selection as the recipient of the **2017 Valley of the World Education Award.**

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2017, 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 _____ for the meeting on _____, 2017.

Dated:

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

By _____
Deputy