

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt Resolution honoring the life of **Francisco Casas Sr.**)

WHEREAS, Francisco Casas Sr. was born in Guanajuato, Mexico to Crispin Casas and Christina Orias, on October 21, 1959 and passed away on October 12, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Francisco Casas Sr. started his life in Salinas as a farmworker where he worked in the fields planting and harvesting various fruits and vegetables throughout Monterey County. Francisco also worked at one of history’s largest and most innovative sugar beet facilities when built, the iconic Spreckels Sugar Company; and

WHEREAS, After Francisco Casas Sr. dedicated many years of his life to the agricultural industry, unfortunately, it resulted in an injury that forced him to step away from the fields. The injury didn’t break his spirit, Francisco was determined to help farm workers, like him, who worked sun up to sun down harvesting sessional for a better future; and

WHEREAS, Francisco Casas Sr. knew that housing was a major need, not only for farmworkers but for many low-income families in our community. Francisco found a way to redirect his passion for agriculture through a new outlet, he began working with CHISPA and focused his energy on helping families realize their dreams of one day owning a home; and

WHEREAS, Francisco Casas Sr. contributed more than 20 years in working to address low income housing throughout Monterey County. Through those efforts, Francisco organized, mobilized and generated community support for the creation of the Moro Cojo housing project in Castroville, California; and

WHEREAS, Francisco Casas Sr. was a devoted husband and father, he was always noticed for his volunteer efforts at his children’s school events, specifically for events that would highlight Mexican traditions such as posadas which are important Mexican Christmas traditions that provide cultural contributions to the community; and

WHEREAS, Francisco Casas Sr. helped establish the Rondalla Estudiantil in Castroville to give every child, whether they had the means to buy an instrument or not, an opportunity to learn the power of music and the positive impact it can have in one’s life; and

WHEREAS, Francisco Casas Sr. was instrumental in the Monterey County Historical Society Japanese School Project, which restored a school into a community center that could be used by the Castroville community and local non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, Francisco Casas Sr. knew the importance of building relationships far beyond Monterey County lines. In an effort to bring critical lifesaving services to disadvantaged communities in Mexico, Francisco led the creation of a sister city relationship between Monterey County and Guanajuato, Mexico, resulting in the donation of resourced Salinas ambulance vehicles and fire trucks; and

WHEREAS, While Francisco Casas Sr. was known for his many admirable accomplishments, what is most commendable is his humility. Francisco never attached these milestones to his name or looked for acknowledgment for his selfless humanitarian efforts; and

WHEREAS, Francisco Casas Sr. is survived by his wife, Sandra Casas; his daughters, Andrea Casas and Alexis Casas; sons, Francisco Casas Jr., Rene Casas, and Jorge Casas. He is also survived by 2 sisters, 3 brothers and 3 grandchildren.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT AND RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, to honor the life of Francisco Casas Sr. Francisco leaves behind a legacy of hard work, determination and selfless services.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this ___ day of ___ 2019, upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____ by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Valerie Ralph, 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 _____.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California

By _____
Deputy