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

Resolution No.)
Adopt a resolution honoring Steven Whyte)
for his dedicated service and passionate)
commitment to increasing the appreciation)
of the arts in Monterey County)
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WHEREAS, Steven Whyte is one of the few successful sculptors in Monterey County, but he also takes time to mentor young artists and always has a bevy of assistants and apprentices helping and learning in his studio; and

WHEREAS, Steven Whyte is classically trained in figurative bronze and portrait sculpture, but his large body of work is ever-changing; some are larger than life - giant bronze statues, others are awe-inspiring in volume. He has created over forty-three life-size or larger public bronze figures including the War Hymn Monument for Texas A & M University; and

WHEREAS, Steven Whyte has produced the John "Doc" Roberts statue outside of Seaside Hall, a relief of St. Anthony at the Carmel Mission, a relief of David Packard at the entrance of the Monterey Bay Aquarium, a nine-figure composition in the Steinbeck Plaza on Cannery Row and most recently, a statue of Mike Marotta, "Mayor of Alvarado" which resides outside Plumes Coffee on Alvarado Street; and

WHEREAS, Steven Whyte takes the history and tradition of the art of sculpture and embraces the challenge to tell more diverse stories and expand representation in his creations. He tackles sensitive subject matter like those of the World War II comfort women, courageous coal miners, outstanding BIPOC leaders like Martin Luther King, Jr. and Joseph Allan Vaughn and makes them relatable to the public. He is energized by how sculpture can contribute to public understanding and compassion and heroism weaves its way into his works.

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