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

Resolution No.
Resolution commending **Leon E. Panetta**for his contribution to the County of Monterey

WHEREAS, Leon E. Panetta is a distinguished American leader who has served his country with exemplary skill and honor, achieving great deeds that shall be remembered by generations to come; and

**WHEREAS,** As Director of the Central Intelligence Agency from 2009 to 2011, **Leon E. Panetta** is celebrated for presiding over the operations that brought Osama Bin Laden to justice, thwarting terrorist efforts aimed at America and other democratic nations; and

**WHEREAS, Leon E. Panetta** served as Secretary of Defense from 2011 to 2013, overseeing historic operations such as the military's formal exit from Iraq, the drawdown of troops in Afghanistan and expanding opportunities for all Americans to serve; and

**WHEREAS, Leon E. Panetta** served as Chief of Staff to President Bill Clinton from 1994 to 1997, providing key leadership in support of orderly and efficient operations in the White House; and

WHEREAS, Leon E. Panetta served as Director of the Office of Management and Budget and Chairman of the House Budget Committee, and, in those positions, helped forge consensus and produce balanced budgets; and

WHEREAS, Leon E. Panetta represented the California Central Coast as a member of the United States House of Representatives from 1977 to 1993, where he was instrumental in efforts to prevent oil drilling off the coast of California, and authored new laws advancing important policy, such as Medicare coverage for hospice services, the Hunger Prevention Act of 1988, legislation establishing the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary and helped establish the CSU Monterey Bay campus at the former Ft. Ord Military Base; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1998, **Leon E. Panetta** and his wife Sylvia M. Panetta co-founded the Panetta Institute for Public Policy serving the entire California State University system, providing a variety of study opportunities in government, politics and public policy, including programs for students at every age to learn and initiate their own careers in public service; and

WHEREAS, Leon E. Panetta and his wife Sylvia are the proud parents of three sons and six grandchildren.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all the citizens thereof, are proud to be elected officials representing the native home of **Leon E. Panetta**, and welcomes him back with great enthusiasm to his Carmel Valley ranch.