

Monterey County Board of Supervisors

Resolution

Resolution No.: 23-170

Adopt Resolution Recognizing Teresa Sullivan for Her Dedicated Service as the Executive Director of the Alliance on Aging..... )

WHEREAS, Teresa Sullivan was and is an unparalleled champion for seniors in Monterey County as her career in aging began in 1991 as the Ombudsman for Monterey County, protecting our most frail and vulnerable residents; and

WHEREAS, Teresa Sullivan's dedication resulted in her leading the non-profit Alliance on Aging for over 20 years and the creation of a multitude of programs and services to help others; and

WHEREAS, The programs that serve our senior population that were launched at the Alliance, at no cost to participants, include Medicare Counseling; Tax Preparation; Ombudsman for skilled nursing centers; Salinas Luncheon; Community Outreach; Home Match; Friendly Visitor; Senior Employment Training; Transportation Coordination, Wellness Counseling to help people grapple with transitions associated with the aging process; and

WHEREAS, In an effort to raise organizational funds, Teresa Sullivan created Spirals Consignment Store in Pacific Grove (2012) and Spirals By The Arch (Salinas 2022); and

WHEREAS, Teresa Sullivan was aware of the need to serve the entire County and relocated the Alliance on Aging office to Salinas Old Town in 2012; and

WHEREAS, under Teresa Sullivan's unwavering leadership the Alliance on Aging has

- 1. Hosted countless seniors in on-the job re-training to prepare them to re/enter work force.
2. Developed a program to educate low-income seniors about Free benefits programs.
3. Started annual fund raisers, such as 'I Remember Mama' & 'I Remember Papa' (coinciding with Mother's Day and Father's Day) and the now wildly popular 'Trashion Show' a fashion Run Way of recycled materials annually hosted in both Salinas and King City.
4. Initiated a recognition event for our Vet's from WW2 called the "Greatest Generation."
5. Expanded Alliance on Aging's footprint in Oldtown by creating the HUB. She succeeded in devising a "ONE STOP" resource center for our seniors which incorporates a Farmers Market.
6. Started many classes to educate our seniors. Examples include: connecting seniors to technology, ukulele classes, Safe Driving for Seniors, dance classes, movies, Healing through Meditation, art, cooking and nutrition classes; and

WHEREAS, Teresa Sullivan leads by example in going the extra mile to help any senior in need. She utilized all resources available including family. No job was beneath her. She would cover the receptionist desk, work at the consignment stores on the weekends and delivered food to those homebound during the pandemic. She always acknowledged staff for doing a good job. Her door was honestly always open.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, hereby that Teresa Sullivan is hereby recognized for her illustrious career on top of the list of "People That Have Made a Difference" in the lives of residents in our community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 16th day of May 2023



Chair Supervisor Luis A. Alejo

Vice Chair Supervisor Glenn Church

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Supervisor Wendy Root Askew

Supervisor Mary L. Adams