

Resolution No.: 16-

Resolution honoring **Dr. Deborah Biller** upon her retirement)
as Medical Director of the Big Sur Health Center.....)

WHEREAS, the presence of Big Sur Health Center is crucial to the welfare of the Big Sur Community, as the only medical facility between the Monterey Peninsula and Cambria, Big Sur Health Center plays a vital role in the local community, serving the health care needs of the population by providing local, culturally and linguistically appropriate, affordable, quality medical care; and

WHEREAS, after serving with distinction and dedication for nearly 30 years, **Dr. Deborah Biller** has retired as Medical Director of the Big Sur Health Center; and

WHEREAS, **Dr. Deborah Biller** moved to the Monterey Peninsula where she started a family practice in 1986 after retiring as medical officer (Commander) in the U.S. Navy; and

WHEREAS, in 1986 **Dr. Deborah Biller** met Sharen Carey and soon thereafter, began her service at Big Sur Health Center; and

WHEREAS, as Medical Director for several skilled nursing facilities and home health care over the years as well as Medical Director of Westland House (formerly Hospice House) from 1993 – 2007, **Dr. Deborah Biller** offered comfort and care to many Big Sur families during difficult life transitions; and

WHEREAS, during fires, mudslides and other disasters, **Dr. Deborah Biller** was always willing to brave the highways, sometimes commuting through Salinas and over Nacimiento-Ferguson to get to the Health Center, and in 2008 when the community was evacuated, she set up shop in the offices of Drs. Lee and Edmonds so she could help care for our patients being housed on the Monterey Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, **Dr. Deborah Biller** holds board certifications from the American Board of Family Practice (now American Board of Family Medicine) and the American Board of Hospice and Palliative Medicine; and

WHEREAS, **Dr. Deborah Biller's** 30 years of service to the medical community includes, Physician with Big Sur Health Center 1987-2016; Medical Director 1990-March 2016; Active staff, Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula 1986-2014; Team Physician with Heartland Hospice since May, 2011; Medical Director, Hospice of the Central Coast 1993-December, 2007; Medical Director, Westland House (formerly Hospice House) 1993-August, 2007; Medical Director, Pacific Grove Convalescent Hospital 1999-2009; Medical Director, Sunbridge (now Windsor) Care Center 1986- August, 2002; Medical Director, Visiting Nurses Association, Monterey 1990-1993; and

WHEREAS, the Big Sur community is immensely grateful to **Dr. Deborah Biller** for all she has done for the community and to make absolutely certain that she will forever remain a part of the team, she has been promoted to Medical Director Emeritus.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all citizens thereof, joins the Big Sur Community in honoring **Dr. Deborah Biller**, upon her retirement, and wishes her continued success, peace and happiness in all of her future endeavors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of April 2016.

Supervisor Jane Parker, Chair

Supervisor Dave Potter, Vice Chair

Supervisor Fernando Armenta

Supervisor John M. Phillips

Supervisor Simón Salinas