

Adopt Resolution honoring Brother Patrick D. Dunne )  
in recognition of 25 Years of distinguished service to The Palma School )

**WHEREAS**, *Br. Patrick D. Dunne* was born on May 28, 1945 to Edward and Kathleen Dunne of Chicago, Illinois and was raised with his brother, Edward, and two sisters, Maureen McGraw and Dr. Kathleen Casper; and, he was educated at Brother Rice High School (Chicago, IL), Iona College (New Rochelle, NY), where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Economics degree, and Seattle University (Seattle, WA), where he received a Master of Educational Administration degree; and,

**WHEREAS**, *Br. Patrick D. Dunne* joined the Congregation of Christian Brothers in 1965 and served in missions at: St. Laurence High School (Burbank, IL), O'Dea High School (Seattle, WA), St. Johns Indian Mission (Laveen, AZ), Br. Rice High School (Chicago, IL), and St. Patrick High School (Vallejo, CA); and, twenty-five years ago, he came to Palma School to serve as Principal and in 2008 was appointed the school's first President; and,

**WHEREAS**, Palma School was founded in 1951 in the tradition of the Congregation of Christian Brothers as a private, Catholic, college preparatory high school in the Salinas Valley; and, the school has a long history of educating young men spiritually, intellectually, morally, physically and socially according to the teachings of the founder of the Congregation of Christian Brothers, Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice; and,

**WHEREAS**, Palma School is recognized locally and statewide as an outstanding educational institution that encourages each student to deepen his faith and give of himself to others, offers academic opportunities at the highest standards, provides guidance for the ethical development of its young men, offers challenges in various competitive sports programs that have earned over one-hundred varsity-level league, section and state championships, and encourages camaraderie among students that often develops into life-long friendships; and,

**WHEREAS**, *Br. Patrick D. Dunne* has led Palma through an unprecedented period of growth and successes that featured: the development of the Palma Fund, which has become the financial cornerstone of the school's continuing growth and excellence, the school's transition into the age of digital technology in classrooms and administration, many improvements to the physical campus including renovations of the science facilities, new multi-purpose and weight rooms, a re-designed all-weather track and artificial turf field, and the dedication of the Brother O'Grady Memorial Baseball Field, and all highlighted by the consecration of the Brother Edmund Rice Chapel, which is graced by a thirty-five foot tall overlay stained glass window depicting the life of Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice and a copper Celtic cross that rises fifty-five feet above the entry; and,

**WHEREAS**, *Br. Patrick D. Dunne* served as a Secondary Commissioner on the Western Association of Schools and Colleges/Western Catholic Educational Association; and, he served as president of the Mission Trails Athletic League/Tri-County Athletic League

Board of Managers; and, he was a member of the California Interscholastic Federation Central Coast Section Board of Managers and Executive Board; and, he was bestowed with the 2002 Lifetime Service Award and the 2006 Distinguished Service Award.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County of Monterey, Board of Supervisors on behalf of the County and all its citizens thereof, especially those of Christian devotion who have dedicated their lives to spreading faith through education, join together in commending Brother Patrick D. Dunne on the silver anniversary of his arrival at Palma School and congratulating him for the many achievements that he has facilitated during his tenure.