

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

Resolution No.

Resolution commending **Taffra Mayo Purnsley**  
on her selection by Community Partnership  
for Youth as a community leader who is making  
a difference in the lives of the youth.

**WHEREAS, Taffra Mayo Purnsley** was born in Hayfork, California in the Trinity Mountains and was raised in Red Bluff by hard working parents who never finished high school but wanted their daughter to be successful and encouraged her to do and be her best;

**WHEREAS, Taffra Mayo Purnsley** dedication to making a difference in a person's life began in High School when she volunteered at a local hospital and tutored a nine year old son of a Mexican migrant farm worker;

**WHEREAS, Taffra Mayo Purnsley** was recommended by her High School Spanish teacher, Mrs. Martinez and encouraged by her mother to allow her to participate in a five-week summer program in Guadalajara, where she learned a lot about underserved children and families;

**WHEREAS, Taffra Mayo Purnsley** received her Bachelors Degree in Spanish from California State University, Chico, and then worked with various roles with Migrant Education at California State University, Chico for two years by coordinating outreach for Student Affirmative Action, and wrote grants for Healthy Start and AmeriCorps in Bakersfield's Delano School District for ten years, before she received her counseling credential;

**WHEREAS, Taffra Mayo Purnsley** moved to Monterey County in 1995, worked for the Monterey County Office of Education as Coordinator/Administrator for Migrant Education, as the Education Officer for County Superintendent Bill Barr, as an Administrator in the Gonzales Unified School District and at Alisal Union School District, and most recently has been the Principal at Highland Elementary School in Seaside for the past five years;

**WHEREAS, Taffra Mayo Purnsley** was nominated by her peers for Elementary Principal of the Year, Region 10;

**WHEREAS, Taffra Mayo Purnsley** has been regarded by her peers as intently connected to the students and families as Principal at Highland Elementary School;

**WHEREAS, Taffra Mayo Purnsley** has led Highland Elementary School through two years as a School Improvement Grant Turnaround School which required changes of staff and reassignment of teachers, and won confidence from students and parents through her focused leadership to make Highland Elementary School regarded as a very positive place to work with increased test scores of more than forty points in one year alone;

**WHEREAS, Taffra Mayo Purnsley** is a quiet leader that makes it all comes together.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all citizens thereof, congratulates **Taffra Mayo Purnsley** on her selection by Community Partnership for Youth as a community leader who is making a difference in the lives of the youth and wishes her continued success in all of her future endeavors.