

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

Resolution No.

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

WHEREAS, Julianne Leavy is a practicing Marriage and Family Therapist and Executive Director of Harmony At Home, a non-profit that she founded in 2004 with the mission to end **the** cycle of violence and abuse by empowering children and young adults with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to lead healthy and productive lives;

WHEREAS, Julianne Leavy began this work in 1997 when she created a school based counseling program called Sticks & Stones[®] to address the need for interventions for children who have been exposed to violence and trauma. Currently, Sticks & Stones[®] is operating in the Salinas City Elementary School District, the Alisal Union School District Monterey County Office of Education Community Schools, the Salinas Union High School District, and the North Monterey County Unified School District;

WHEREAS, in 2003 Julianne Leavy wrote and published, *The Innocent Victims*, which is a locally and nationally distributed handbook that looks at the effects of domestic violence on children and helps caretakers understand and respond to the children's needs;

WHEREAS, in 2003, in partnership with The Big Sur Land Trust Julianne Leavy developed the Teen Enrichment Summer Camp, a camp that focuses on helping ethnically diverse teenage girls envision the possibilities and opportunities that they can experience in their lives; where they are encouraged to look at the importance of how the choices they make today will affect their futures;

WHEREAS, for over 10 years, Julianne Leavy has been involved in "What About The Children" classes that teach families how to communicate and helps families transition through the separation and divorce process more effectively, with minimal trauma to the children. To date, over 1,200 parents and children experiencing separation and divorce have taken the class in Monterey County;

WHEREAS, in 2008 Julianne Leavy became a member of the Community Alliance for Safety and Peace, a nationally recognized model where collaboration is the focus to end the cycle of violence in Salinas and throughout the County of Monterey;

WHEREAS, Julianne Leavy resides in Carmel Valley with her husband Charles E. and their son Ryan; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all citizens thereof, congratulates **Julianne Leavy** 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.