



County of Monterey

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 25-084

Adopt a resolution recognizing **Debby Tanaka Norman** as the recipient of the **King City Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture’s 2024 Citizen of the Year Award**

WHEREAS, Debby Norman was born in Honolulu, the third generation of Japanese Americans, and grew up with two brothers, Sanford and Kimo, and moved with her family to Norwalk in 1956 for a job transfer when she was seven years old; and

WHEREAS, Debby Norman’s family moved to Modesto, where she lived until she attended college at the University of California, Santa Barbara, where she met her husband, John Norman; and

WHEREAS, Debby Norman and John Norman were married in 1971, and celebrated forty-seven years together until John passed in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Debby Norman and John Norman raised two sons, Brent, who lives in Seattle with his family, and Craig, who lives in Monterey County with his family; and

WHEREAS, Debby Norman began her teaching career in Antelope Valley and later moved to Southern Monterey County, where she taught at the San Lucas School and King City Elementary School Districts for over thirty-six years before retiring in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Debby Norman taught more than a thousand students in her career, regularly runs into former students who love to catch up, substituted for fourteen years following her retirement, and spent three years tutoring individual students on all subjects; and

WHEREAS, Debby Norman held the elected position of Minority Representative in the California Teachers Association and has since been involved in a retired teachers’ social group; and

WHEREAS, Debby Norman volunteers with Read Across America, Farm Day at the Salinas Valley Fair, Fourth Grade California History Day at the Monterey County Rural Agriculture and Life Museum, Sol Treasures and their Children’s Theater Performances, Art for Kids, Monterey County Ballet Foundation, and King City’s Safe Routes to School committee; and

WHEREAS, Debby Norman is an active member of the Valley Heritage Quilt Guild, coordinating two sewing days each month where quilters work on Red, White, and Blue Veterans of Foreign Wars quilts and comfort quilts, and is the Comfort Quilt Chair where she spends hours collecting and coordinating the finishing process and dispensing hundreds of quilts over the years to those who need comfort; and

WHEREAS, Debby Norman is the chair for the Christmas Families who receive quilts and gift certificates, belongs to Sassy Quilters in Salinas, volunteers with the Alliance on Aging Trashion Shows, and many unnamed organizations that need her help, and assists homebound individuals who need her help shopping, getting to doctor appointments, paying bills, and generally checking on their welfare; and

WHEREAS, Debby Norman is a resident of King City and a friend to everyone, a person who never says “no,” rather she says, “How can I help?”

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors on behalf of all the County and its residents, thereof, hereby recognizes **Debby Norman** for her contributions to the community and Monterey County and hereby congratulates her upon being selected as the recipient of the **King City Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture’s 2024 Citizen of the Year Award**.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 25th day of March 2025



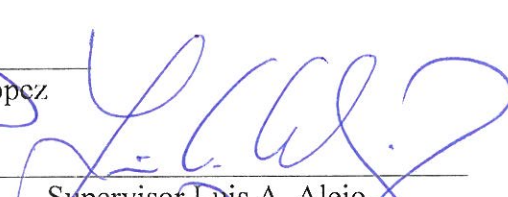
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