

***BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN AND FOR THE  
COUNTY OF MONTEREY, STATE OF CALIFORNIA***

**Resolution No.**

Adopt a resolution honoring **Rachel Saunders** as the recipient of the Nonprofit Alliance of Monterey County's 2022 Unsung Hero Award for Leadership

**WHEREAS, Rachel Saunders** is being honored by the Nonprofit Alliance of Monterey County as the 2022 Unsung Hero Award Recipient for Leadership, and

**WHEREAS, Rachel Saunders** has served at Big Sur Land Trust for fifteen years – most recently as Director of Conservation – overseeing their land acquisitions program and managing large multi-benefit green infrastructure projects such as Carr Lake Project in Salinas and the Carmel River Floodplain Restoration and Environmental Enhancement Project in Carmel, and

**WHEREAS, Rachel Saunders** has spearheaded Big Sur Land Trusts' involvement with multi-stakeholder projects, and

**WHEREAS, Rachel Saunders** plays a major role in facilitating Big Sur Land Trust's relationships with the Esselen Tribe of Monterey County and the Ohlone Costanoan Esselen Nation, providing support on conservation projects when requested, and

**WHEREAS, Rachel Saunders** has led a collaborative approach with Carr Lake Community Partners (Salinas-based nonprofits and allies) as well as local agencies, elected officials and funders -- pivoting to virtual visits and meetings throughout the pandemic in order to continue the design process – and thereby keeping the project moving forward on time, and

**WHEREAS, Rachel Saunder's** success as a leading Monterey County conservationist stems from her wealth of experience, her deep connection with people, and her commitment to the principles of diversity, equity, inclusion and access.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County, and all residents thereof, hereby recognize and congratulate **Rachel Saunders** for extraordinary leadership in Monterey County and express our sincere thanks and appreciation for her inspiring dedication to improving the health and well-being of our people, our resources, and our planet.