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

Resolution No.:

Adopt Resolution recognizing the celebration of the 30th year that) the Monterey County Free Libraries has provided adult literacy services...)

WHEREAS, the County of Monterey is home to many respected institutions of higher learning but studies indicate that at least 25% of adults in the county experience literacy issues that severely impact their ability to work productively, and their full participation as residents; and

WHEREAS, Monterey County's economic and technological growth, prosperity, government and culture depend on an educated community and workforce, the foundation of which is the ability to read and understand the written word; and

WHEREAS, Monterey County Free Libraries is embarking on its 30th year of providing literacy services in the County; and

WHEREAS, Read with Monterey County Free Libraries or ReadMCFL has utilized trained volunteers to provide one-on-one, small group, and classroom tutoring to help adults read, write, speak, and understand English better since 1987, with currently over 90 tutors helping more than 100 learners; and

WHEREAS, adult learners with children younger than six receive monthly book kits that, with help from their tutors, they can use to inspire a love of reading in their children, helping to break the generational cycle of low literacy; and

WHEREAS, ReadMCFL makes a significant difference in the lives of people throughout Monterey County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all citizens thereof, hereby proclaims September 2016 as "Adult Literacy Awareness Month";

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby congratulates and thanks the **Monterey County Free Libraries** staff, volunteers and the adult learners who, through their caring and dedication, are striving to improve the lives, prospects, and overall wellbeing of all Monterey County residents.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this _____ day of _____, 2016 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: NOES: ABSENT: I, Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book _____, for the meeting on _____.

Dated:

Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors County of Monterey, State of California

By_____ Deputy