

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt resolution recognizing **Monterey County Agricultural & Rural Life Museum** as the recipient of the **King City Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture's 2016 Friend of the Community Award**

WHEREAS, Monterey County Agricultural & Rural Life Museum centers on a large collection of farm equipment and artifacts that reflect over a century of farming in the Salinas Valley; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1970's, several residents of Monterey County became concerned about the fate of antique farm equipment in the area, realizing that this machinery reflected the agricultural legacy of the Salinas Valley, they joined together to establish an agricultural museum where both farm equipment and other artifacts relating to rural life could be preserved and interpreted for future generations; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, the Monterey County Parks Department became involved in the project when San Lorenzo Park in King City was chosen as the museum site, and a special museum committee was appointed by the Parks Commission to advise the department on the development of the museum; and

WHEREAS, in 1983, the museum committee was incorporated as an independent non-profit corporation and **Monterey County Agricultural & Rural Life Museum** continues to work diligently on restoration projects, the installation of exhibits, and the growing collection of farm machinery and equipment reflecting the diversity and importance of our agricultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, Monterey County Agricultural & Rural Life Museum has offered a fieldtrip program for Monterey County elementary schools for over thirty years, and the program started with visits to the school, Spreckels House, barn & blacksmith's shop; and

WHEREAS, over the last decade, **Monterey County Agricultural & Rural Life Museum** has provided a hands-on history educational experience for over 15,000 Monterey County students, and some of the many programs include school tours aligned with the California's Science and Social Studies curriculums, crafts programs, storytelling, junior historian program, blacksmith workshops in collaboration with King City/Lockwood 4H clubs, high school paid intern program, high school mural project, and hosts annual traveling exhibits through established relationship with the *Museums on Main Street*, branch of the Smithsonian; and

WHEREAS, Monterey County Agricultural & Rural Life Museum has received many awards which include MCHS Award for Outstanding Historical Organization in 2014, Superintendent's Award for Excellence in Museum Education in 2015, and a nominee for Nonprofit Alliance of Monterey County in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Monterey County Agricultural & Rural Life Museum is the result of a huge community effort, and almost everything was donated by the community, including the man hours it took to restore the historic buildings; and

WHEREAS, Monterey County Agricultural & Rural Life Museum is a part of the community and deserves to be recognized as the **King City Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture's 2016 Friend of the Community**.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all its citizens thereof, recognize **Monterey County Agricultural & Rural Life Museum** for its contributions to the community and to Monterey County, and hereby congratulates them upon being selected as the recipient of the **King City Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture's 2016 Friend of the Community Award**.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this ____ day of _____ 2017, upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____ 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 of 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