

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt Resolution honoring **Karin Strasser Kauffman** on a lifetime of)
achievement improving the lives of women in Monterey County)
and protecting our environment for future generations.....)

WHEREAS, Karin Strasser Kauffman is a lifelong advocate for women's rights, taught political science and women's studies for more than twenty years at several institutions including UCLA and Monterey Peninsula College. In 1977 **Karin Strasser Kauffman** established the National Women's Political Caucus of Monterey County where she was elected Founding Chair and for many years served as Caucus Political Action Chair, encouraging, training and helping to elect women; and

WHEREAS, Karin Strasser Kauffman made history as the second woman ever to be elected to serve on the Board of Supervisors in 1984. She twice served as Chair of the Board of Supervisors, including during the closure of Fort Ord and the establishment of the Monterey Bay Sanctuary. She fought to eliminate gender discrimination in the County by appointing many strong women to positions and committees previously closed to women, worked to de-gender the language of County ordinances, procedures and titles, and created a new position of Monterey County Affirmative Action Officer, with independent authority and reporting directly to the Board; and

WHEREAS, Karin Strasser Kauffman was a champion for affordable housing, including the development of the Pacific Meadows 200-unit moderate and low-income complex in Carmel Valley, initiated a new county inclusionary housing ordinance, and established a Board of Supervisor's Affordable Housing Account, funded from Transient Occupancy Tax; and

WHEREAS, As Chair of the Board, Karin Strasser Kauffman oversaw the adoption of Monterey County's four coastal plans. The Big Sur Coastal Plan with its key component, the "Critical Viewshed Policy" is the most stringent coastal plan in the nation. The Big Sur Critical Viewshed Policy prohibits all future development visible with the naked eye when moving along Highway One, public viewing areas and public beaches; and

WHEREAS, As a director of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (1985-92), Karin Strasser Kauffman was heavily involved in water conservation, water reclamation, and water allocations. She worked with the board to establish a drought reserve and insist on golf courses using reclaimed water. She established a Water Allocation Fund out of the Monterey Peninsula water supply earmarked for Community needs, such as affordable housing. She also drafted Monterey County's first Water Conservation Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, with Congressman Leon Panetta, **Karin Strasser Kauffman** created and co-chaired the Big Sur Multi-Agency Advisory Council from 1986 to 1992 and together with local citizenry, successfully fought off proposed federalization of the Big Sur Coast. Karin co-authored the 1987 Ballot Measure A in Monterey County, which-- by a 73% vote—restricted on-shore oil facility development; and

WHEREAS, in 1993 **Karin Strasser Kauffman** was appointed by the federal Department of Commerce to sit on the newly created Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Council, on which she served as founding chair, representing the public-at-large for seven years; and

WHEREAS, **Karin Strasser Kauffman** co-authored “Beyond Superwoman” with Peggy Downes Baskin, featuring interviews with 25 Top female CEOs about their paths to achieving success; and

WHEREAS, **Karin Strasser Kauffman** has served in leadership roles on many Boards, including: Planned Parenthood, Alliance on Aging, Seaside Infant Care Center, Monterey Youth Museum, Carmel Valley Property Owners Association, Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, **Karin Strasser Kauffman** and her late husband, radiologist Dr. Richard Kauffman were long time residents along the Carmel River, where they raised their two sons, many dogs, several cats and great tomatoes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby acknowledge **Karin Strasser Kauffman** for her lifetime of achievement improving the quality of life for women and children and protecting our environment for future generations

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 11th day of September 2018, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Valerie Ralph, 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 81 for the meeting September xx, 2018.

Dated: September 13, 2018
File ID: 18-886

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California
