

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

**Resolution No.:**

Adopt Resolution Honoring the City of Gonzales with the Monterey County )  
Children's Council First Annual Champion for Children Award..... )

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Monterey County Children's Council (MCCC) is to provide leadership and policy direction to encourage the development of a comprehensive and collaborative delivery system of services to children and youth in Monterey County; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCCC has created the Champion for Children award to recognize leadership and impactful policy and systems change that supports the development of a comprehensive and collaborative delivery system of services to children and youth; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Gonzales is recognized as the first recipient of the Monterey County Children's Council Champion of Children award for their leadership and commitment to improving the lives of children thru policy and systems change as evidenced by the Health Element of their General Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 16, 2018 the City of Gonzales was the first city in Monterey County to adopt a new Health Element to their General Plan that included strong language to support early childhood, demonstrating the government's understanding of the long-lasting value of early learning.

**WHEREAS**, Policy makers have a unique opportunity to lay the foundation for timely investments in early childhood and youth development by including early childhood policies in general plans which are the community's strategic plan, comprised of various policy elements, into which early childhood and youth considerations can be integrated; Including early childhood and youth language in General Plans helps raise the political profile of these topics issue and them into the fabric of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Gonzales General Plan includes provisions to: encourage that childcare be located strategically to support workforce and livable communities; encourage the inclusion of child-friendly spaces in new residential, and non-residential developments; support the development of affordable and accessible, quality early child care, preschools, and Head Start programs to increase and promote early learning; develop a comprehensive, affordable, high quality child care delivery system; Find ways to support and promote free or low-cost child and family enrichment programs, after-school supplemental education programs, and senior citizen friendly programing; Work towards developing an education system that provides an opportunity for all residents by supporting early childhood education programs that equip all children with the foundation to become happy, healthy, and successful adults; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County of Monterey recognizes and honors the City of Gonzales as the first recipient of the Monterey County Children's Council Champion for Children award for its leadership and impactful policy and systems change that supports the development of a comprehensive and collaborative delivery system of services to children and youth policy and systems change.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this XXth day of November 2018.

AYES: Supervisors Alejo, Phillips, Parker, Salinas and Adams

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

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 November xx, 2018.

Dated:  
File ID:

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

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Joel G. Pablo, Deputy

