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

## Resolution No.

Adopt Resolution recognizing Dr. Nancy Kotowski upon her retirement and	)
for her dedicated service of 26 years to the residents of the County of Monterey	)

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Nancy Kotowski has dedicated her life to preparing youth for the future, and her commitment to schools and students has been exemplified through her visionary leadership of the Monterey County Office of Education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kotowski leaves behind an impressive legacy filled with numerous accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, she prioritized a focus on college and career readiness through initiating and expanding Career Technical Education programs, developed the Media Center for Arts, Entertainment and Technology through grant that procured more than 10 million dollars of funding, and enhanced and improved student's access to quality education in Court and Community Schools; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Kotowski played a critical role in reducing student incarceration in Monterey County by 25 percent; and

WHEREAS, under her guidance, the Monterey County Office of Education has been on the forefront of responding to the Local Control Funding Formula and developing tools for the implementation of the Local Control and Accountability Plan; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kotowski protected school funding despite challenging economic times and unprecedented budget cuts; and

WHEREAS, she invested in effective teachers and leaders through recruitment fairs and recognitions such as Teacher of the Year, Classified School Employee of the Year, and Employee of the Month programs; and

**WHEREAS,** many programs were launched under her leadership, such as the Monterey County Education Leadership Summit, and the AmeriCorps program; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Kotowski facilitated development of extensive partnerships with agencies, organizations, businesses and individuals, such as the Monterey County Reads program in partnership with the Panetta Institute for Public Policy; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, the Monterey County Office of Education was awarded one of 15 grants in the state to support beginning teachers during their first two years of teaching, and in 2014 was awarded three federal grants from the United States Department of Health and Human Services Center for Mental Health, the United States Department of Education, and the United States Department of Justice's National Forum to Prevent Youth Violence; and

**WHEREAS**, these outstanding contributions to the education of Monterey County students has earned Dr. Kotowski many recognitions, including the Champion for Public Education Award from the California County Superintendents Association, and the Summer Matter Bridge Builder Award from the California Department of Education; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT,** the Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the county and all citizens thereof, congratulate Dr. Nancy Kotowski on her retirement and thank her for her tireless service to public education.

PASSED AND ADOPTED upon motion of Sup	ervisor, seconded by Supervisor
and carried this day of	by the following vote, to wit:
AYES:	
NOES:	
ABSENT:	
I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the Cothat the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said I minutes thereof Minute Book for the meeting on	Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the
Dated:	Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors County of Monterey, State of California
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	Deputy