

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

**Resolution No.**

Congratulating Monterey County Free Libraries on the       )  
National Steinbeck Center “Education Award”.....)

**WHEREAS**, Monterey County Free Libraries provides a range of traditional and innovative services to 228,000 county residents spread over 3,150 square miles of the County of Monterey, comprising eight of the 12 incorporated cities in the county as well as all of the unincorporated areas of the county; and

**WHEREAS**, Monterey County Free Libraries were founded in 1912 by Anne Hadden, who had four basic philosophical tenets that she believed in, which were to give every school and community in the county efficient library service, to bring the opportunity of books to the most remote country dweller, to cooperate fully with activities for the development of the County of Monterey, and to build up a historical collection that will be a credit to the county; and

**WHEREAS**, as the Monterey County Free Libraries have expanded, they now provide service through 15 branches and three bookmobiles; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of Monterey County Free Libraries is to bring ideas, inspiration, information and enjoyment to our community; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 25 percent of adults in Monterey County are functionally illiterate, and Monterey County Free Libraries takes pride in providing a wide range of services that help mitigate these challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, Monterey County Free Libraries provides services focused on children and youth, such as story times, homework help, summer reading programs, cultural programs and movie shows, computer and coding programs, just to name a few; and

**WHEREAS**, Monterey County Free Libraries also offer a wide range of adult programs that focus on educational and recreational goals, such as passing the GED exam, getting a driver’s license, receiving a promotion at work or reading to children; and

**WHEREAS**, last year over 715,000 people walked through our doors, borrowed close to 500,000 items, and used the library computers 138,450 times; and

**WHEREAS**, because of the large service area, Monterey County Free Libraries use many nontraditional ways of providing service to the community, such as Library by Mail, ebooks and online databases, 24/7 high speed internet access and WiFi at branches, and branchlets throughout the county in which you can pick up and drop off books; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the county and all citizens thereof, does hereby congratulate the Monterey County Free Libraries on

being a recipient of the 2018 Education Award from the National Steinbeck Center.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** upon motion of Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_, 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 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 Minute Book \_\_\_\_ for the meeting on \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

Dated:

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

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy