

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt resolution honoring **Dr. Cathy Gutierrez**)
upon her retirement from the Monterey County Health Department)
after **33 thirty-three years** of dedicated public service in Monterey County)

WHEREAS, Dr. Cathy Gutierrez began her career with Monterey County as a recreational therapist, and during her tenure, she successfully promoted through the ranks while earning a doctorate degree in psychology; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Cathy Gutierrez most recently served as the Deputy Director of Access and Substance Use Services, overseeing a staff of over seventy full time employees; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Cathy Gutierrez, as a Service Manager, oversaw major change initiatives in the Health Department’s Behavioral Health Bureau, including opening the first full-time Behavioral Health clinics in South County, starting with King City in 2007, followed by a clinic in Soledad in 2013, a satellite clinic in Gonzales in 2015, and implementing new walk-in hours that became the norm at the other regional clinics as well; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Cathy Gutierrez has been a tireless advocate and champion for regional equity; under her leadership, the Health Department’s Behavioral Health Bureau has largely closed the services gap, as 18% of Behavioral Health clients served in 2018 were residents of the South County region; and,

WHEREAS, under Dr. Cathy Gutierrez’s leadership, the Health Department’s Behavioral Health Bureau implemented a new federal waiver for the Substance Use Delivery System, nearly tripling the annual funding available for local substance use services to \$13,000,000.00 per year; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Cathy Gutierrez has contributed greatly towards the successful implementation of the *No Zip Code Left Behind* project, a State of California Proposition 47 grant, funding substance use residential treatment services in South County for the first time and vastly expanding outpatient services in that region; and,

WHEREAS, one of Dr. Cathy Gutierrez’s greatest contributions to the Community over these past thirty-years has been her role as mentor and cheerleader for so many; she never misses an opportunity to recognize the strengths and contributions of others and has graciously invested her time providing the emotional support that staff on the front lines need to keep serving the most vulnerable residents of our community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all its citizens thereof, hereby congratulates **Dr. Cathy Gutierrez** for her successful and valuable service with Monterey County Health Department and wishes her a happy and fulfilling future upon her retirement from service to the County of Monterey.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this __ day of ____ 2019, upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____ 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 _____ for the meeting on _____, 2019.

Dated:

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

By _____

Deputy