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

Resolution No.:Adopt resolution recognizing Robert Kennedy as the)recipient of the 2020 Valley of the World Education Award......)

**WHEREAS, Robert Kennedy** was born in 1932 and his childhood was spent in a little farming village in Kansas near the Oklahoma panhandle; and

**WHEREAS, Robert Kennedy** married Donna Jean Barber in 1952 while a student at Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Science in Agronomy, and joined the United States Navy; and

**WHEREAS**, after training as a meteorologist at the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, he was sent back to Kansas where he earned a commendation from the government in July 1957 for predicting the weather for John Glenn's jet on the future astronauts successful bid for the fastest transcontinental flight; and

**WHEREAS,** from 1959 to 1961 after being cleared for top secret material, **Robert Kennedy** worked at the fleet feather facility at Yokosuka, Japan; and

**WHEREAS**, having been diagnosed with Diabetes, **Robert Kennedy** left the navy and earned his Master of Science in Horticulture in 1962; and

**WHEREAS,** in 1967, **Robert Kennedy** began a twenty-seven-year career teaching agriculture at Hartnell Community College where he developed a deep and abiding love for the Salinas Valley, having instilled the importance of responsible land use, zoning laws, and protecting the agricultural land, many of his students became leaders in agribusiness and community involved; and

WHEREAS, Robert Kennedy helped create, organize, and run the education program for California's Department of Pesticide Regulation, Licensing, and Certification from 1979 to 1993; and

**WHEREAS, Robert Kennedy** passed away at the age of 76 in 2008 and his family fondly remembers him driving a tractor after church on Sunday's, out on Hartnell's East Campus, preparing the soil for a class the next day.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all its residents thereof, recognize **Robert Kennedy** for his contributions to the community and to Monterey County, and hereby congratulates him upon being selected as the recipient of the **2020 Valley of the World** *Education Award*.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_ 2020, upon motion of 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 \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

Dated:

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

By\_\_\_\_\_

Deputy