

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt Resolution recognizing Ms. Hazel Tomkins for her)
many years of service to the veteran community in Monterey County)
as a member of the Military and Veteran Affairs Commission.....)

WHEREAS, Ms. Hazel Tomkins was born in Mendota and raised in Sanger, near Fresno, California; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hazel Tomkins has been politicly active all her life beginning at Sanger High School, where she was a talented athlete, and after graduation she attend Reedley College, where she played on the tennis team, and later enrolled in Fresno State University, where she majored in Physical Education and Recreational Therapy; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hazel Tomkins left Fresno State University at age 20, and then took up the shotput and discus throw, trying for a spot on the 1956 Olympic Team; and

WHEREAS, at the age 28 **Ms. Hazel Tomkins** joined the Army, after basic training at Fort McClelland, Alabama, she was stationed at Fort Richey, Maryland, where she was befriended by a military legend, General Lyman Lemnitzer, who served seven presidents, including stints as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and supreme allied commander; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hazel Tomkins served with SHAPE in Paris, where she guarded the entrance of the Palace of Versailles for the annual Christmas dinner-dance where she was asked to dance by a Colonel for a moment that she says was the ‘grandest moment of her life’; and

WHEREAS, after the Army **Ms. Hazel Tomkins** worked as a waitress in San Jose, spent time in Hawaii, moved to Modesto for electrologist school and shortly after moved to Monterey County where she worked as an electrologist, massage therapist and as a night janitor at the Monterey Peninsula Country Club; and

WHEREAS, in 1984 and 1985 **Ms. Hazel Tomkins** ran for positions on the county Board of Supervisors, the water district board, and Monterey City Council; although she did not win, she is proud that she tried; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hazel Tomkins has lived on the Peninsula for over 35 years, and now resides in Salinas with her cat Maxine; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hazel Tomkins contributed her services at the new Veterans Affairs/Department of Defense clinic, the California Central Coast Veteran Cemetery and many other issues have served to advance the support of veterans within Monterey County.

WHEREAS, Ms. Hazel Tomkins served honorably on the Military and Veteran Affairs Commission representing Monterey County Veterans by contributing valuable ideas and perspectives to many discussions concerning issues of importance to both the County and our large military-connected community; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all its residents thereof, herby expresses their appreciation to **Ms. Hazel Tomkins** after almost three decades as a political activist, businesswoman and caregiver.