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

Resolution No.

Adopt a resolution recognizing John Ramirez, MPA,)**REHS**, a Monterey County Employee, for his 32)years of service with the Environmental Health)Bureau, Monterey County Health Department.)

WHEREAS, *John Ramirez, MPA, REHS*, has served Monterey County and the Health Department Environmental Health Bureau since July 5, 1989, beginning his career in King City as an Environmental Health Specialist I, and promoting to Environmental Health Specialist II, Environmental Health Specialist IV Supervising the Hazardous Materials Management Services Program and Environmental Health Program Manager; and

WHEREAS, *John Ramirez, MPA, REHS*, in 2010 was appointed as Director of Environmental Health, overseeing the Environmental Health Bureau and Animal Services Program; and

WHEREAS, *John Ramirez, MPA, REHS*, holds an Associate in Arts Degree from Hartnell Community College, Bachelor of Science Degree in Organic Chemistry and Biology from the University of Oregon and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Golden Gate University, San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, *John Ramirez, MPA, REHS*, worked to strengthen partnerships within the community partners, promoting public health safe practices through several programs including Food Safety Education, Agricultural Field Toilet Inspections, the Litter Abatement Task Force, and fostering industry outreach and education through the development and implementation of ongoing Environmental Workshops in King City and Salinas; and

WHEREAS, John Ramirez, MPA, REHS, representing the Environmental Health Bureau, was recognized for introducing and adopting programs such as the Monterey County Environmental Public Health Leadership Institute (MEPHLI), the Monterey County Food Safety Conference and has led the Environmental Health Bureau in numerous recognitions from the Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) Forum Board, the California Environmental Health Association (CEHA) the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO); and

WHEREAS, *John Ramirez, MPA, REHS*, worked with community partners to proclaim April as "Monterey County Earth Awareness Month" and designating Monterey County Clean-Up Day in recognition of Earth Day; and

WHEREAS, *John Ramirez, MPA, REHS*, worked with the Monterey County Food Safety Advisory Council to proclaim the month of September as "National Food Safety Education Month" in Monterey County, calling upon public and private organizations to celebrate the month by participating in learning opportunities and activities that promote food safety; and

WHEREAS, *John Ramirez, MPA, REHS*, was instrumental in the development of the Human Right to Water Proclamation for Monterey County, establishing policy that every human being has the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water adequate for human consumption, cooking, and sanitary purposes and that the human right to water extends to all residents of Monterey County, including disadvantaged individuals and groups and communities in rural and urban areas; and

WHEREAS, John Ramirez, MPA, REHS, during his tenure, assisted in guiding the Environmental Health Bureau in its organizational mission based on a comprehensive understanding of the principles of his profession and consistent with sound Environmental Health theory and practice; and

WHEREAS, John Ramirez, MPA, REHS, has represented the County and Health Department with the highest level of professionalism and integrity that is an example to all of the Environmental Health staff whom he has worked with, mentored and guided through his leadership and skills, having trained scores of former and current Environmental Health Specialists in methods and practices that protect public health and the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey on behalf of the County and all citizens thereof, does hereby adopt a resolution recognizing John Ramirez, MPA, REHS, a Monterey County Employee, for his 32 years of service with the Environmental Health Bureau, Monterey County Health Department and wishes him well in his retirement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 2nd day of February, 2021, upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: NOES: ABSENT: **ABSTAIN:** 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 _____, on _____, 2021.

Dated:

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

, Deputy