

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt a resolution recognizing **Mel and Regina Mason** as the Community Foundation for Monterey County's 2021 Distinguished Trustee Award Recipients.

WHEREAS, each year the Community Foundation for Monterey County presents the Distinguished Trustee Award to an individual or couple who have demonstrated philanthropic leadership in our region; and

WHEREAS, the Community Foundation for Monterey County will present the 2021 Distinguished Trustee Award to Mel and Regina Mason on October 19, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Mel Mason is a lifelong resident of Seaside, CA and holds an Associate of Arts Degree from Monterey Peninsula College, a Bachelor's Degree in Social Science from Golden Gate University and a Master's Degree in Social Work (MSW), with an emphasis in Mental Health, from San Jose State University; and

WHEREAS, Mel Mason's experiences with the Black Panther Party in the late 1960's and early 1970's led to his career as a Counselor, Therapist and Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), licensed by the State of California's Board of Behavioral Sciences, and served in a professional capacity of service; and

WHEREAS, Mel Mason's long life in public service includes serving as an elected Seaside City Councilman from 1980 to 1984, running for the Office of Governor of the State of California in 1982, and President of the United States in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Mel Mason became a Life Member of the NAACP and served three terms as President of its Monterey County Branch leading fights against police brutality, attacks on unions and job discrimination.

WHEREAS, Mel Mason has co-founded and lead several organizations such as A Black United Farm Workers Union support committee during the Great Lettuce Strike of 1970 and The Village Project, Incorporated, an African American based family resource center designed to meet the unmet needs of the African American Community

WHEREAS, **Mel and Regina Mason** have received many awards for their work in civil rights and community service including the 2013 Jefferson Award, the 2018 MPC President's Award and now the 2021 CFMC Distinguished Trustee Award and strengthened Monterey County by using their voices and talents for equity, inclusion and a more just society for all

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, recognizes Mel and Regina Mason as the 2021 Community Foundation for Monterey County Distinguished Trustee Award Recipients and wishes them continued success in all of their future endeavors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2021, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Valeria 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 _____, 2021.

Dated:

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

By _____
Deputy