

Resolution No.:

Adopt a resolution in recognition and appreciation of eight years of service on the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors upon the retirement of **Supervisor Mary L. Adams**.

WHEREAS, Mary L. Adams has provided exceptional leadership and service to the people of Monterey County, skillfully navigating numerous complex challenges throughout her career with dedication and foresight, always leading with compassion; and

WHEREAS, Mary L. Adams demonstrated exceptional leadership in guiding the community through major atmospheric rivers and wildfires and organized critical efforts like the Big Sur Helicopter Commodity Drops and the countywide Fire Fuels Mitigation Program; and

WHEREAS, Mary L. Adams played a key role in the Pfeiffer Bridge repairs by championing a shuttle program to reopen the State Parks Byway Trail and revive Big Sur's economy, implemented no parking signs near Point Lobos and Bixby Creek Bridge to enhance public safety, and oversaw the Scenic Road Carmel Lagoon EIR adoption, preserving the region's natural beauty and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Mary L. Adams led key infrastructure projects, including a right-turn lane from Highway 1 to Rio Road, advocated for improved road maintenance, and chaired the Carmel Valley Road Advisory Committee during the Carmel Valley Road and Laureles Grade Roundabout project's completion; and

WHEREAS, Mary L. Adams has been a strong advocate for housing issues in Monterey County, working on the Vacation Rental Ordinance to protect neighborhood character while advocating for sustainable, long-term housing solutions. She supported employer-sponsored housing, public/private partnerships for housing construction, and engaged with residents on the Housing Element with the community's best interest at the forefront; and

WHEREAS, Mary L. Adams guided the community through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, ensuring critical resources were available, was a founding member of Monterey Bay Community Power (now 3CE) to provide cleaner, affordable energy, led the "No Straw November" campaign to reduce plastic waste, and introduced a Board referral to establish Juneteenth as a County holiday, commemorating the end of slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Mary L. Adams has been a passionate advocate for sustainable water solutions, supporting the passage of Measure J for public ownership of water and has hosted three Regional Water Forums while Chair of the Board of Supervisors to engage the community in conversations about the complex water challenges we face as a region; and

WHEREAS, Mary L. Adams championed economic recovery, securing ARPA funds to support the hospitality industry during and after the COVID-19 pandemic, led the initiative for free County Parks admission to expand access to natural spaces, and facilitated the ownership transfer and funding for repaving the Laguna Seca Raceway; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all residents, commends and thanks **Mary L. Adams** for her many years of exemplary service and leadership. Her legacy of compassion, dedication, and integrity has left a lasting mark on the County of Monterey. We wish her continued success, health, and happiness in all her future endeavors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this ___ day of ___ 2024, 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 _____.

Dated:

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

By _____
Deputy