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

Resolution No.:

Adopt a resolution honoring **The Western Stage** its 50th anniversary celebration 2024.

WHEREAS, **The Western Stage** celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2024 as a vital part of Hartnell College's mission to provide education, experience, and vocational and avocational training in the arts to students and community members from the age of five to eighty-five; and

WHEREAS, The Western Stage's uniqueness as a program is built upon the opportunity for local student and community talent to work side-by-side with theatre professionals, resulting in a high standard of performance and production for Salinas Valley Communities and an early, advanced practical experience for students to experience the rigor of higher education and the professional arena to prepare for transfer; and

WHEREAS, The Western Stage's niche in the theatre community is created by its history with NEA supported New Works and Original Stage Adaptations, including the works of Studs Terkel, Ray Bradbury, Victor Villaseñor, Hector Armienta, and the presentation of several adaptations of John Steinbeck's novels, most significantly its three-part, nine-hour cornerstone production of *East of Eden*; and

WHEREAS, The Western Stage's ongoing commitment to present lesser-known works as a means to amplifying new voices, improving its relevance and reflecting the resiliency and richness of Salinas Valley stories and shared lived experiences across cultural distinctions; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, honors **The Western Stage** on its 50th Anniversary celebration in 2024.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this to wit:	day of	,, by the	e following vote,
AYES:			
NOES:			
ABSENT:			
I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of	Supervisors of the	he County of Monterey,	State of
California, hereby certify that the foreg	1	•	
Supervisors duly made and entered in t	, ,	1,	
on, 2024.			
Dated:			
	Valerie Ra	alph, Clerk of the Board	of Supervisors
	County of	Monterey, State of Cali	fornia.

By		
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