

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt Resolution Recognizing **Daniel “PK” Diffenbaugh** as the recipient of the **2023 Champions of the Arts Award** by the Arts Council for Monterey County.

WHEREAS, The Arts Council of Monterey County provides arts education to thousands of students each year by offering technical and financial support to more than 50 arts organizations thanks to funding from the Monterey County Board of Supervisors and a grant from the David and Lucile Packard Foundation; and

WHEREAS, **Daniel “PK” Diffenbaugh** is a proven educational leader with experience bringing people together to achieve a shared vision; and

WHEREAS, **Daniel “PK” Diffenbaugh** holds a doctorate in Educational Leadership from Harvard University, an innovative partnership between the Harvard Business School, Kennedy School of Government, and Graduate School of Education; and

WHEREAS, **Daniel “PK” Diffenbaugh** was appointed Superintendent of the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District in June 2014, and is responsible for the education of more than 10,000 scholars in 11 elementary, three middle, three comprehensive high schools, one alternative high school, a dependent charter school, and a handful of programs and services in the communities of Del Rey Oaks, Marina, Monterey, Sand City and Seaside; and

WHEREAS, Under **Daniel “PK” Diffenbaugh**’s leadership, MPUSD Music Education Program received national recognition for a third consecutive year as one of the “Best Communities for Music Education” by The National Association of Music Merchants Foundation; and

WHEREAS, **Daniel PK Diffenbaugh** has helped MPUSD form partnerships with community-serving organizations and nonprofits, like Palenke Arts, resulting in Palenke Arts being housed at MPUSD’s MLK School for Arts campus; and

WHEREAS, **Daniel “PK” Diffenbaugh** prioritized the arts by going from two to six full-time elementary music teachers, ensuring all middle and high school have full-time music teachers and providing an Artist in the Schools Program; and

WHEREAS, **Daniel “PK” Diffenbaugh** created two thriving arts schools - Martin Luther King Jr. School of the Arts and Marina Vista Elementary which are now Turnaround Arts: California partner schools; and

WHEREAS, Under **Daniel “PK” Diffenbaugh**’s leadership, MPUSD has become a leader in arts education across Monterey County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, hereby recognize **Daniel “PK” Diffenbaugh** for his contributions to the community and Monterey County, and hereby congratulates him upon being selected as the recipient of the **2023 Champions of the Arts Award**.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2023, 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 _____, 2023.

Dated:

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

By _____