

MONTEREY PENINSULA AIRPORT DISTRICT

Proclamation

A PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION AND CELEBRATION OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF MONTEREY COUNTY WOMEN IN AVIATION AND LOCAL HISTORY

WHEREAS, March 8, 2023 was International Women's Day, and

WHEREAS, March 6-12, 2023 was Women of Aviation Worldwide Week, and

WHEREAS, March is Women's History Month, and

WHEREAS, In 1938, at age 16, Babette DeMoe made her first solo flight at the Monterey Airport, after taking flying lessons with Fred Kane (the Airport's first Manager) and became one of the youngest licensed female pilots in America, going on to serve in the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs), a U.S. parliamentary group flying stateside missions during World War II, and becoming one of the first women ever to fly American Military Aircraft, and

WHEREAS, One of two permanent art exhibits at Monterey Regional Airport is dedicated to showcasing "Pioneering Women of Monterey County" who over two centuries surmounted various obstacles and made big contributions to the life and culture of Monterey County; among them are Anne Hadden, the first Monterey County librarian, E. Charlton Fortune, a painter who initialized her first name to escape gender discrimination, Perfecta Garcia Encinales, a Salinan Indian whose basketry is now preserved at U.C. Berkeley, Frances Clark, one of the earliest female fishery researchers to achieve worldwide acclaim, Julie Platt, Pacific Grove's first female mayor, and Mabel "Mae" Eisemann, the first policewoman in the Salinas Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LisAnne Sawhney, Chair of the Monterey Peninsula Airport District, in concurrence with the Board of Directors, do hereby recognize, applaud, and celebrate the accomplishments of women in both aviation and local history who inspire today's women in pursuing their dreams and goals.

LisAnne Sawhney
Chair

William Sabo
Vice Chair

Mary Ann Leffel
Board Director

Carl Miller
Board Director

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Board Director

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A PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION ACKNOWLEDGING DIRECTOR MARY ANN LEFFEL'S SERVICE TO THE MONTEREY PENINSULA COMMUNITY AND THE MONTEREY PENINSULA AIRPORT DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Ms. Mary Ann Leffel was appointed to the Monterey Peninsula Airport District (MPAD) Board of Directors on June 8, 2008 and elected to the MPAD Board of Directors on November 4, 2008, and

WHEREAS, Director Leffel has now served almost four consecutive terms as a Monterey Peninsula Board Director, with three terms as Chair, and has been a fierce advocate for the Monterey Peninsula Airport District, and

WHEREAS, Director Leffel has been deeply involved in the Monterey Peninsula community and serves, and has served, on numerous Monterey County boards and committees including: LAFCO, Monterey County, Monterey County Workforce Development Board, the Business Services Committee, the Carmel Valley Art Association, Legal Services for Seniors, the Regional Tax Authority, Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, Monterey County Overall Economic Development Commission, Natividad Hospital Board, Monterey County Agricultural Education, Monterey County Revolving Loan Fund, Meals on Wheel of the Monterey County, Monterey County Film Commission, Carmel Business Association, Old Monterey Business Association, United Way Monterey County, and Seaside's Economic Development Commission, and

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2023, Director Leffel was rightfully honored by Monterey County Business Council (MCBC) with their Lifetime Achievement Award.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LisAnne Sawhney, Chair of the Monterey Peninsula Airport District, in concurrence with the Board of Directors, do hereby recognize Director Mary Ann Leffel and express our deep appreciation for her tremendous dedication to our local community and her unwavering commitment to the Monterey Peninsula Airport District.

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