By the Honorable Anthony Cannella, 12th Senatorial District; Relative to Commending

Court Appointed Special Advocates of Monterey County

WHEREAS, On June 6, 2018, the California Association of Nonprofits will host the third annual California Nonprofits Day at the California State Capitol, and at that time, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Monterey County will be honored as the 12th Senatorial District’s 2018 Nonprofit of the Year in recognition of its long-standing support of the community, and upon this occasion, CASA of Monterey County is deserving of special public recognition; and

WHEREAS, The relationship between a community and its nonprofit organizations is a vital and interdependent one, deriving its strength from the civic involvement and dedication of those who engage with such organizations, the many positive outcomes these organizations make possible, and the spirit of cooperation and respect they foster within the community, and CASA of Monterey County is one such stellar nonprofit organization; and

WHEREAS, Monterey County is home to more than 400 foster children and youth who have been legally removed from their homes due to unsafe conditions from severe neglect and physical abuse or sexual abuse, or both, and nationwide, approximately 80 percent of dependency children end up as delinquents; and

WHEREAS, CASA of Monterey County had its genesis in 1994 when a steering committee formed to address the increasing violence towards children and family disintegration throughout Monterey County in a cost efficient and effective way to increase advocacy for children caught in the dependency system, and in 1995 the organization incorporated as a nonprofit; and

WHEREAS, Existing so that abused and neglected children in protective care have the chance to become successful adults, CASA of Monterey County is the only local nonprofit of its kind that recruits, trains, and supports community volunteers to serve as court appointed advocates for needy foster children throughout Monterey County; and

WHEREAS, Governed by its Board of Directors, CASA of Monterey County is affiliated and in good standing with the California CASA Association and National CASA Association of more than 900 community-based programs and over 76,000 volunteers serving more than 251,000 children across the county; and

WHEREAS, By contributing to the success and sustainability of the community in which it serves, CASA of Monterey County enhances the quality of life for community residents and instills a great sense of pride in the individuals who are associated with it; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY SENATOR ANTHONY CANNELLA, That he takes great pleasure in congratulating Court Appointed Special Advocates of Monterey County on its selection as the 12th Senatorial District’s 2018 Nonprofit of the Year, commends it for providing invaluable services to the people of the local area, and applauds it for its long history of community support.

Members Resolution No. 453
Dated this 6th day of June, 2018.

Honorable Anthony Cannella
12th Senatorial District