## BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF AMADOR, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF	)	RESOLUTION NO. 23-098
KATHLEEN "KAT" EVERITT FOR HER	)	
LIFE OF SERVICE AND ACCOMPLISHMENT	)	

WHEREAS, Kathleen "Kat" Everitt was born in Illinois in 1945 and passed away in Jackson, California, in July 2023 at the age of 78; and

WHEREAS, Kat became a registered nurse in Illinois in 1966 and moved to California around 1973 to be close to its mountains and the ocean; and

WHEREAS, Kat was the proud matriarch of four generations, with three biological children, three stepchildren she helped raise in their early childhood, 11 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren, as well as three stepdaughters she was gifted when she married her surviving husband, Dennis "Den" McCue; and

WHEREAS, Kat led a rich and full life as an organic farmer, public health nurse, K-12 teacher, poet, songwriter, woodworker, deep-sea diver, interviewer, cookbook author, and musician; and

WHEREAS, After renewing her partnership with her high-school sweetheart Den in 2010, Kat worked with Den to help restore the previously mothballed, historic USS Iowa battleship to her former glory; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, Kat and Den moved to Pioneer to retire and enjoy life among the beautiful mountains and rivers of Amador County, where they married in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Kat quickly established herself as a beloved member of our community by sharing her gifts of songwriting, singing, poetry, friendship, hospitality, and food; and

WHEREAS, Kat became a radio personality with community-based KQBM in West Point, where she produced and hosted two programs, "Every Woman's Hour," featuring interviews with local women, and with Den, "Down from the Mountain," featuring Americana music and Amador and Calaveras county musicians; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Kat and Den became the hosts and organizers of the Amador County Arts Council's weekly Open Mic nights, enabling local musicians and poets to share their talents with enthusiastic audiences; and

WHEREAS, In 2018, the Amador County Arts Council appointed Kat as Amador County's first official poet laureate, a position through which she promoted poetry among adults and youth alike, and the *Amador Ledger Dispatch* published hundreds of her poems for their readers' enjoyment; and

WHEREAS, Kat lived a meaningful life defined by social, environmental, and political causes, with an inclusive, embracing, and generous love and warmth for all, valuing and modeling authenticity, acceptance, self-worth, kindness, personal growth, compassion, and healing;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador, State of California, that said Board does hereby adopt this resolution in memory of Kathleen "Kat" Everitt, recognizing her many talents and her years of loving service to the people, arts, history, and cultural life of California and Amador County.

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, by the following vote:

AYES:

Jeffrey Brown, Brian Oneto, Patrick Crew, Frank U. Axe, Richard Forster

NOES:

None

ABSENT:

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None

Jeffrey Brown, Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

JENNIFER BURNS, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Amador County,

California

Deputy