

**Yolo County  
Board of Supervisors**

**Resolution No. 22-125**

***Honoring the Volunteer Service of Erin McDermant  
to the Yolo County Master Gardeners***

**WHEREAS**, Erin McDermant's interest in gardening bloomed from a young age, tending her mother's garden and being very inquisitive as she took the weeds to task; and

**WHEREAS**, Erin's imparting her skills and knowledge to others has benefited people from all over the region; and

**WHEREAS**, Erin, with determination, dedication and a keen ability to work with (and around) the system, was responsible for establishing the Master Gardeners program for West Sacramento, and found purpose, friendships, and created a nurturing community ;and

**WHEREAS**, Erin started the West Sacramento Farmers' Market information table and West Sacramento gardening workshop, sharing seeds, plants, and other giveaways with the community; and

**WHEREAS**, one could find Erin jumping in to support any Master Gardener's project that presented itself, including the landscaping redo project at 70 Cottonwood in Woodland and Tag Sale; and

**WHEREAS**, Erin, throughout her career and after, would use her computer savvy and artistic flair to create detailed and whimsical powerpoints, flyers, and posters to communicate information to her students on topics like work training, Master Gardeners, food preserving and more, never repeating designs; and

**WHEREAS**, Erin and a team of Master Gardeners were tasked with reimagining the area outside of 500 Jefferson Blvd., West Sacramento, near the office of Supervisor Oscar Villegas to convert an unkempt shrub collection to an outdoor oasis filled with beautiful drought-tolerant plants and grasses; and

**WHEREAS**, Erin's long-time commitment to promoting water-wise landscapes was a contributing factor to her yard design at home, earning her the coveted award of West Sacramento's Drought Tolerant Landscape of the Month; and

**WHEREAS**, Erin is always willing to impart her knowledge of and love for gardening, plants, and plant care to any person with an interest and offer personal tours of her beautiful yard and greenhouse; and

**WHEREAS**, Erin and fellow Master Gardener Elizabeth Van Nest could be counted on to make the road trip, without complaint, to meetings, field trips, and any event where Master Gardeners were asked to present information; and

**WHEREAS**, Erin, with compassion and kindness organized a team of wonderful "garden fairies" to care for Elizabeth's garden when Elizabeth was no longer able to; and

**WHEREAS**, when Erin could no longer continue her more laborious work with the Master Gardeners, she quickly found a new way to support the organization by growing tomato starter plants from seeds to share with the community. She committed to enjoying some of those tomatoes herself and she did!; and

**WHEREAS**, Erin was able to celebrate the arrival of her newest great-granddaughter in August 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Erin's lifelong sharp mind and sense of humor continue to serve her well when visiting with her dear friends and loved ones; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize Erin McDermid for her years of service to West Sacramento and Yolo County and owes her a debt of gratitude for creating beautiful spaces and planting seeds of knowledge throughout the community that will grow and flourish for years to come.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 11th day of October, 2022 by the following vote:

**AYES:** Villegas, Saylor, Sandy, Provenza, Barajas.

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Angel Barajas, Chair  
Yolo County Board of Supervisors