

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SAN BENITO COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS IN SUPPORT OF THE SAN BENITO COUNTY
OFFICE OF EDUCATION FOOTSTEPS2BRILLIANCE MODEL
INNOVATION EARLY LEARNING INITIATIVE**

WHEREAS, research shows there are numerous barriers to childhood literacy which have been well documented and recognized as the “30 million word gap”;

WHEREAS, the San Benito County Office of Education and the San Benito County Free Library seek to improve literacy rates among children and adults in San Benito County;

WHEREAS, the San Benito County Office of Education has established of goal that all students meet grade level English language literacy standards by grade 3;

WHEREAS, the San Benito County Probation Department seeks to increase rehabilitative opportunities for justice involved youth, adults, and families in San Benito County, and literacy is a key component in this effort;

WHEREAS, the Footsteps2Brilliance Academic Language classroom has demonstrated positive vocabulary and English language outcomes to counter the “30 million word gap”, and supports the “Model Innovation City” program to coordinate and leverage support for community-wide application of its Early Learning Mobile Technology Platform which has been implemented with success in the City of Palmdale, Napa County, and Revere, Massachusetts;

WHEREAS, with the support and assistance of the San Benito County Free Library and the San Benito County Probation Department, the San Benito County Office of Education has implemented the Footsteps2Brilliance Academic Language classroom and community pilot program, and has entered into an agreement for the Footsteps2Brilliance Early Learning Mobile Technology Platform for San Benito County children and families to access its academic vocabulary and English language acquisition program outside of the classroom to counter the “30 million work gap” from any location;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the San Benito County Board of Supervisors do hereby support the San Benito County Office of Education Footsteps2Brilliance Model Innovation City early literacy initiative to develop a more literate population and foster increased opportunities that come from attaining higher levels of English language literacy for San Benito County’s children and families.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the San Benito County Board of Supervisors, State of California, at the regular meeting of said Board held on the 13th day of December, 2016 by the following vote:

AYES:	SUPERVISORS:
NOES:	SUPERVISORS:
ABSTAIN:	SUPERVISORS:
ABSENT:	SUPERVISORS:

BY: _____
ROBERT RIVAS, Chair
San Benito County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

Chase Graves,
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Matthew Granger 12-5-2016

MATTHEW GRANGER (date)
County Counsel