

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

RESOLUTION – ACKNOWLEDGING THE CONTRIBUTION OF
MUOI-LYNN TRAN

WHEREAS, Muoi-Lynn Tran became a member of the support staff of the California Energy Commission's (CEC) Chief Counsel's Office on August 27, 1984 and faithfully served the CEC in many capacities for her entire career of 37 years, beginning as an Office Assistant and rising through many promotions to Legal Support Supervisor and Staff Services Manager II; and

WHEREAS, Muoi-Lynn's family fled from China to Vietnam during China's cultural revolution, later escaped Vietnam in an overcrowded boat in the midst of the Vietnam War when Muoi-Lynn was ten-years old, and whereas she literally swam on to the shore of Malaysia where she spent almost two years in a refugee camp.

WHEREAS, Muoi-Lynn's family applied for asylum to every country that had personnel at the refugee camp. Through hard work and perseverance, Muoi-Lynn's family immigrated to the United States and made their home in Sacramento.

WHEREAS, Muoi-Lynn was hired notwithstanding her initial difficulty speaking conversational English because she effectively communicated that she would diligently work to improve her English and would learn everything she could that was needed to help the Chief Counsel's Office succeed in its responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, Muoi-Lynn quickly became a popular and successful member of the CEC Legal Office support staff due to her diligence, her competence, her attention to detail, her loyalty to all whom she served, and her innate kindness to others, only causing her Legal Support Supervisor one problem: that nearly every attorney in the office wanted Muoi-Lynn to be assigned to do their work whereas the workload of the support staff had to be shared; and

WHEREAS, Muoi-Lynn began her service to the office as Muoi-Lynn Tien but invited the entire office to her wedding to Thanh Tran in May 1989, a joyous occasion for all who attended; and a wonderful display of how the diversity of cultures make this country great.

WHEREAS, for the first several years of her service, Muoi-Lynn was referred to simply as "Muoi" because her colleagues did not know that the word "Muoi" was a term of endearment meaning "little sister," and when, many years into her service, she did ask that her name "Lynn" be used instead, she generously forgave all who had become so used to calling her "Muoi" that they had a hard time making the change; and

WHEREAS, Muoi-Lynn's career saw the Chief Counsel's Office through a long transition from using clerical staff primarily as typists to the modern legal office of the digital age when both legal and support staff use computers and work together to produce high quality legal products; and

WHEREAS, the promise she made in her hiring interview of diligence in learning new systems and procedures was fulfilled many times over as she became the go-to person in the office for solutions to many computer and software difficulties; and

WHEREAS, Muoi-Lynn developed diplomatic skills that allowed her to serve an informal but hugely important role as liaison between the Chief Counsel's Office and other offices within the CEC, ensuring that the needs of her office were understood and accommodated when possible and assisting the Chief Counsel in understanding when the needs of the office were threatened by resource limitations; and

WHEREAS, all of her current colleagues who have had the pleasure of working with her, and particularly former Chief Counsel, William Chamberlain, who she has continued to serve for nearly 12 years after his retirement, will miss her but wish her and her family the very best for a well-earned retirement,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the CEC hereby recognizes and commends Muoi-Lynn Tran for her great contributions to the CEC and the people of the state of California and wishes her all the best in her future endeavors.