

*Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the  
County of Monterey, State of California*

**Resolution No:**

Adopt a resolution honoring **Joe Gunter** upon his selection as the **2021 Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce recipient of Special Recognition.**

**WHEREAS, Joe Gunter** was born April 18, 1947, in Odenton, Maryland and passed away June 29, 2020 in Salinas, California. His father was in the Army, and they traveled the country from base to base eventually landing in Fort Ord, California; and

**WHEREAS,** from 1965 to 1969, **Joe Gunter** served in the United States Marine Corps. **Joe's** military service shaped his life and led to a lifelong career guided by a sense of duty and service to his community; and

**WHEREAS,** within five days of his return home from Camp Pendleton, **Joe** joined the Salinas Police Department, serving six years as a patrol officer and another twenty-six as a detective. **Joe Gunter's** strong leadership skills and commitment to public service led him to become Mayor of Salinas in 2012, a position in which he served for eight years;

**WHEREAS,** during his time as Mayor, **Joe Gunter** spearheaded many projects in Salinas and throughout Monterey County. Some of these projects include development of the new Salinas Police Department and Youth Alisal Sports Fields, construction of housing for homeless and low-income residents, leading the Veteran's Day Parade, and playing a critical role in advancement of the California Central Coast Veteran's Cemetery at Fort Ord. The initiatives that Joe led will undoubtedly have a lasting impact on individual residents and the broader community for generations to come; and

**WHEREAS, Joe Gunter's** community service expanded far beyond his mayoral duties. **Joe** also found time to serve as the Director of Security for the Salinas Rodeo and California International Airshow, he served as President and volunteer at the Salinas Women's Crisis Center, and was President and coach of the Bobby Sox Soft-ball League. **Joe Gunter's** extensive service to the community and country for more than fifty years is an inspiration to us all.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all the County and its residents thereof, hereby honor **Joe Gunter** upon his selection as the **2021 Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce recipient of Special Recognition.**

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, by the following vote, to wit:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

I, Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_ for the meeting on \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Dated:

Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Monterey, State of California.

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy