

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt a resolution commending **Rick Johnson** upon his retirement after twenty-two years of service with the Old Monterey Business Association

WHEREAS, Rick Johnson, Executive Director of the Old Monterey Business Association, has been an integral part of the Downtown Monterey community for more than twenty-two years, from 2000 to 2022. During Rick's tenure, he established himself as an avid listener, steadfast mentor, creative problem solver, community builder, "bridger" of competing perspectives, cheerleader extraordinaire, thoughtful speaker, rouser of enthusiasm; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson made an appealing, inviting, clean and safe downtown a priority, including lining Alvarado Street and the Alvarado Mall with custom celebratory banners; and,

WHEREAS, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic from March 2020 to today, Mr. Johnson supported the downtown Monterey businesses and helped them adapt with outdoor seating and adding online purchasing options; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson helped lead and promote the revitalization of the "It's Happening Now" campaign of Oldtown Monterey during his two decade term, and helped establish the Old Monterey Foundation in 2011; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson was instrumental in the success of many holiday and other special events sponsored by the City of Monterey, the Old Monterey Business Association, the Old Monterey Foundation, First Night Monterey, Big Sur Marathon Foundation, and many others; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson streamlined the Old Monterey Farmers' Market and Marketplace process both for merchants and visitors, making it a local favorite; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson worked closely as a legendary liaison between the Monterey Conference Center and local businesses to create a successful experience for visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey on behalf of all residents thereof, acknowledges, commends and thanks **Rick Johnson** for his twenty-two years of exemplary service to the residents of Monterey County in his capacity as Executive Director of the Old Monterey Business Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors wishes him success, health and happiness in all future endeavors, and much joy in this well-deserved retirement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2022, by the following vote,
to wit:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

I, Valerie Ralph, 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.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California.

By _____
Deputy