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*Before the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California*

Resolution No. 22-471

Resolution of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors to approve adding the)
“Donald G. Thompson” house to the Monterey County Register of Historic Resources.)

WHEREAS, On March 28, 2022, Christopher Grimes, trustee of the Grimes Christopher living trust, owner of the property at 51410 Partington Ridge Road, Big Sur (Assessor’s Parcel Number: 420-221-011-000), submitted a written request to add the “Donald G. Thompson” House to the Monterey County Register of Historic Resources;

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Register of Historic Resources is the Local Official Register of Historic Resources under section 18.25.100 of the Monterey County Code;

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2022, the Monterey County Historic Resources Review Board (HRRB) recommended that the Board of Supervisors add the “Donald G. Thompson” House to the Monterey County Register of Historic Resources, the Local Official Register of Historic Resources (see HRRB Resolution No. 22-003);

WHEREAS, the Donald G. Thompson” House is a residential building located at 51410 Partington Ridge Road, Big Sur (Assessor’s Parcel Number: 420-221-011-000) in the unincorporated area of Monterey County;

WHEREAS, the “Donald G. Thompson” House is eligible for listing on the Monterey County Register of Historic Resources pursuant to Chapter 18.25 (“the Preservation of Historic Resources”) of the Monterey County Code, under County Historic Preservation Review Criterion A.5 and B.1 (Monterey County Code Section 18.25.070.A.5 and B.1) based on the following evidence:

- 1) The building meets County Historic Preservation Review Criterion A.5 (Monterey County Code Section 18.25.070.A.5) since the building’s architecture is from the work of master architect Rowan Maiden. Maiden studied under Frank Lloyd Wright beginning in 1939 as one of his “Talesian apprentices”, and his designs are known for their application of Wright’s organic architectural concepts and sensitive responses to the site and clients’ needs. Maiden’s most noted design is the Nepenthe restaurant in Big Sur, and the Donald G. Thompson house is the last known example of his work.
- 2) The building meets County Historic Preservation Review Criterion B.1 (Monterey County Code Section 18.25.070.B.1), as it represents an example of the Wrightian Organic “Usonian” style. The term Usonian typically refers to group of approximately sixty homes designed by Wright beginning in 1934, as a form of residential architecture intended to be affordable to middle class Americans and employing his concepts of organic architecture. The homes were typically modest in size, approximately 1,500 square feet, typically being one story without a garage, and are characterized by the use of native materials, flat roofs without attics or basements, little exposure to the front or public sides of the home, large, cantilevered overhangs to utilize passive solar

heating and cooling, and natural lighting with clerestory windows. These work to create a strong visual connection between interior and exterior spaces.

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2022, the Board of Supervisors conducted a public hearing to consider adding the “Donald G. Thompson” House to the Monterey County Register of Historic Resources; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors decision to add the “Donald G. Thompson” House to the Monterey County Register of Historic Resources is categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines section 15331, Historical Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation, because designating the structure as an historical resource will enhance the potential for preservation of an historical resource.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, having considered all the written and documentary evidence, the HRRB recommendation, and the administrative record as a whole, the Board of Supervisors hereby finds that: 1) the “Donald G. Thompson” House is eligible for designation as an historical resource and approves the addition of the House to the Monterey County Register of Historic Resources, the Local Official Register of Historic Resources; and 2) this designation action is categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines section 15331, Historical Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation, because designating the structure as an historical resource will enhance the potential for preservation of an historical resource.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 6th day of December 2022, by roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors Alejo, Phillips, Lopez, Askew, and Adams

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

(Government Code 54953)

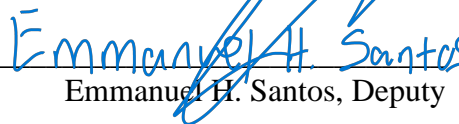
I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book 82 for the meeting on December 6, 2022.

Dated: December 9, 2022

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


Emmanuel H. Santos, Deputy