

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

Resolution No.

Adopt Resolution Commending **Chief Deputy James Bass**, upon his retirement from twenty-eight years of public service with the Monterey County Sheriff's Office

WHEREAS, Chief Deputy James Bass began his law enforcement career as a Deputy Sheriff in Monterey County on June 27, 1994, he went on to work assignments in Jail Operations, Transportation, Corrections Emergency Response Team, and spent eight years as a Facility Training Officer, helping teach and mentor all newly hired deputy sheriffs in the Monterey County Jail; and

WHEREAS, Chief Deputy James Bass promoted to Sergeant in 2006 where he supervised jail operations and worked in the special assignment of Classification Sergeant leading and supervising the work and special investigations conducted by the classification unit; and

WHEREAS, Chief Deputy James Bass promoted to Commander in 2013 where he managed in three different assignments; he had to oversee a period of transformational change in the county jail as jail programs and inmate populations shifted dramatically and convicted felons were being sentenced to county jails instead of state prisons as a result of public safety realignment legislation from 2011, and proposition 47 from 2014; and

WHEREAS, Chief Deputy James Bass promoted to Captain in 2015, where he was responsible for oversight and daily management of the Corrections Bureau; in that role, he developed expertise in the ongoing jail litigation and led the jail through sweeping reforms for security, medical, mental health, dental, ADA, suicide prevention, the use of sobering and safety cells, and uses of force; he served in the lead role for the Sheriff's Office of the 576-bed jail expansion project including the development of staffing and operational plans for the jail expansion; and

WHEREAS, Chief Deputy James Bass was appointed as the Chief Deputy in 2019 where he was responsible for overseeing all aspects of the Corrections Operations Bureau; he continued to serve in the lead role for the jail expansion project, and led the county into developing a partnership with the California Department of State Hospitals to open a Jail Based Competency Treatment Program (JBCT) in the jail which brought critical behavioral health treatment programs and funding to the county and created a regional treatment program for inmates from Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz Counties and also led the Sheriff's Office in the development of a Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Program in the county jail to better assist offenders with substance abuse disorders; and

WHEREAS, Chief Deputy James Bass's continual dedication to improve the safety and security of the Monterey County Jail for all offenders, employees, contractors, and volunteers; along with his commitment to improving the treatment programs for offenders' health, behavioral health, and substance abuse issues, and his steadfast leadership will be greatly missed by his colleagues at the Monterey County Sheriff's Office and the People of Monterey County.

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 **Chief Deputy James Bass**, for over 28 years of exemplary public service to the People of Monterey County, as a valued member of the Monterey County Sheriff's Office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors wishes **Chief Deputy James Bass** success, health, and happiness in all his future endeavors and joys in this well-deserved retirement.

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

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Valeria 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