

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

Resolution No.:

Resolution Honoring **Shabu JR Shake** Upon His Selection as the **2022 Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year**.

WHEREAS, Since 1963, the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce (MPCC) has awarded distinguished members of our community—who have embodied an overall love of the Monterey Peninsula community, who have had a positive impact on the business community, and who have demonstrated community leadership to the citizens of the Monterey Peninsula—with 2022 Citizen of the Year recognizing their good works and accomplishments that have enriched the Peninsula’s quality of life; and

WHEREAS, **Shabu JR Shake**, known as “JR”, was the fourth-born of what eventually became a family of six sons: Benji, David, Chris, Sabu, Angelo, and Tene. **Shabu JR Shake** was born in 1961 and attended San Carlos School while the family lived in Seaside and attended Junipero Serra in Carmel when they moved to Carmel Valley and graduated from Monterey High School in 1978. **Shabu JR Shake** recalls what his mother Isabella would always tell them; “Be thankful for what we have, a roof over our heads, clothes and food.” Even when times were tough, his mother always donated money to those less fortunate; and

WHEREAS, **Shabu JR Shake** began working at the family restaurant, Old Fisherman’s Grotto, at the age of 13 clearing tables, seating guests, and learning how to be a cashier alongside his dad and brothers. He worked his way up to manager and learned all aspects of the restaurant business, including marketing and financial management; and

WHEREAS, **Shabu JR Shake** is a proud father of five children: Nicholas, Sabella, Tesa, Samuel and Samaria, and grandfather of Luxston, LeeVi and Paislee. He enjoys spending time with his children and grandchildren, especially going to their games. He enjoys golfing, cooking, and spending time with about a dozen school friends who get together regularly; and

WHEREAS, In 1995, **Shabu JR Shake** and his brother Chris opened The Fish Hopper on historic Cannery Row. They purchased an oceanfront property in Kona and opened The Fish Hopper restaurant there along with other commercial and rental properties, employing over 400 employees. **Shabu JR Shake** is currently the CFO of the Restaurant Pacific Group, The Fish Hopper in Monterey, and The Fish Hopper in Kona, Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, **Shabu JR Shake** is currently a member of the Compari Club, the Paisano Club, the Chaines des Rotisseurs and the Sheriff Advisory Council. He is a past board member of the Boys & Girls Club, Fisherman’s Wharf Association, the California Restaurant Association, and the Monterey Commercial Properties Association; and

WHEREAS, **Shabu JR Shake** was awarded the M. Temple Elliott Award from The Salvation Army—Monterey Peninsula Corps and The Others Award--the highest national award given to a civilian by The Salvation Army; and

WHEREAS, Shabu JR Shake has served as a volunteer in many local fundraisers and charitable events along with supporting--through The Fish Hopper restaurants in Monterey and Kona—over 300 non-profit organizations, charities and events by donations, sponsorships and financial support that directly benefit the homeless community. In 2007, he organized a dinner and live auction event entitled “Sabu’s Safari” to raise additional funds to benefit The Salvation Army--Monterey Peninsula Corps in conjunction with the Annual Christmas fundraiser in memory of Sabu Shake, Sr. That was the first Sabu’s Safari attended by over 250 guests and it was a tremendous success; carried on by **Shabu JR Shake** and his brother Chris. To date over five million dollars has been raised for the benefit of The Salvation Army--Monterey Peninsula Corps; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, **Shabu JR Shake** initiated a Salvation Army Turkey Drive Challenge. He reached out to friends, businesses, colleagues, and vendors for donations to purchase turkeys or hams for people in need during the holidays. This is now an annual turkey drive that provides the funds to purchase nearly 1,500 turkeys and hams each year; and

WHEREAS, During the recent COVID-19 pandemic, when businesses were ordered to close, **Shabu JR Shake** and his brother Chris provided their employees’ health and financial welfare. They decided to feed their employees and their families one meal each day throughout the entire time the restaurants were closed. In addition, they provided meals for the waterfront homeless community and all the people residing in the transitional housing units at The Salvation Army; and

WHEREAS, For **Shabu JR Shake**, growing up in Monterey was a memorable journey, meeting so many people and making great friends. He remembers the old days when you could drive right onto Fisherman’s Wharf and buy fresh fish from the markets, when there were neon signs and boat rides where they would advertise the next cruise using a bull horn, when you could see the fishermen coming to the wharf daily with their fresh catch of the day to make deliveries to the markets and restaurants. He will always cherish those days and appreciate all the hard work the fishermen did to provide fresh seafood to Old Fisherman’s Grotto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all its residents thereof, hereby congratulates **Shabu JR Shake** upon his selection as the **2022 Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, Citizen of the Year.**

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2023, by the following votes, 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 _____.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

County of Monterey, State of California

By _____,
Deputy