

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

Resolution No.

Adopt Resolution commending **Chef John Pisto** for his culinary)
contributions to the County of Monterey for the past six decades.....)

WHEREAS, Chef John Pisto, a first generation Italian American, was born in New York and has called the Monterey Bay his home since he was six months old; and

WHEREAS, Chef John Pisto, is the Monterey Peninsula's most recognized chef and culinary television personality known worldwide for his innovative Californian and Mediterranean cuisine and for travels in search of new and interesting ingredients and cooking techniques; and

WHEREAS, Chef John Pisto, after attending The Monterey School of Culinary Arts in the early 1960s, began working as a line cook at a restaurant on Fisherman's Wharf and a few short years later purchased the restaurant which he named the Captain's Gig and it quickly became a local favorite while also attracting celebrities; and

WHEREAS, Chef John Pisto, in 1971 opened the Whaling Station Restaurant which became and has remained, undisputedly, Monterey County's #1 Steak House for over 40 years; and

WHEREAS, Chef John Pisto, in 1981, opened Domenico's on the Wharf and became the first to introduce the concept of white linen tablecloths to a destination accustomed to brown paper wrappers, creating Italian dishes such as the legendary Pasta Capri; and

WHEREAS, Chef John Pisto, in 1991, re-opened Abalonetti Seafood Trattoria on Fisherman's Wharf and brought attention to local squid (calamari), serving as much as five tons of squid a month, by creating over twenty dishes that pay homage to the delicious Cephalopod; and

WHEREAS, Chef John Pisto, purchased a long empty Cannery Row restaurant and transformed it into Paradiso Trattoria, where he showcases the California—Mediterranean specialties seen on his television show; and

WHEREAS, Chef John Pisto, is an internationally recognized culinary celebrity and host of internationally syndicated television show, "Monterey's Cookin' Pisto Style" and has shared the stage with special guests such as the legendary Julia Child; Chef Charlie Trotter; food columnist William Rice; musicians Michael Bolton; Johnny Rivers and Sammy Hagar; racing legend Mario Andretti; and former Director of the CIA and personal friend, Leon Panetta; and

WHEREAS, Chef John Pisto, is author of two cookbooks: "Monterey's Cookin' Pisto Style-From Sicily to Monterey," and "Cooking with Mushrooms-Chef Pisto's Favorite Fungi"; and

WHEREAS, Chef John Pisto, created an educational program for elementary students called "Squid Kids," which educates children about Monterey's fisheries and sustainability, in addition to being

involved in developing educational programs with the Artichoke Advisory Board, California Seafood Council, and the California Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, Chef John Pisto, serves as the television spokesperson for the California Seafood Council and is a founding member of the International Institute of Food and Wine along with Julia Child and Richard Graft.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all the citizens thereof, hereby acknowledges **Chef John Pisto's** culinary and community contributions to the residents of the Monterey County and wishes him continued success and happiness in life and his future endeavors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 16th day of September 2014 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 Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book 77, for the meeting on September 16, 2014.

Dated:

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

By _____
Deputy