



County of Monterey

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 24-097

Adopt a resolution celebrating Salinas' 150th Anniversary of being)
established as an Incorporated City by the State of California.....)

WHEREAS, In early 1868, a pioneering group of settlers and local businessmen convened at the Half-Way House, the first structure in what would later become Oldtown Salinas, to discuss establishing a town. The Town of Salinas was formed, named after the abundant sources of salt from salt ponds and marshes; and

WHEREAS, On September 17, 1872, 112 of the 150 qualified voters signed a petition to incorporate the Town as "Salinas City." The Monterey County Board of Supervisors granted limited incorporation status to Salinas, and shortly thereafter, Salinas was selected as the county seat; and

WHEREAS, The first railroad tracks were laid in October of 1872, which was a turning point for the Town of Salinas. The Southern Pacific Railroad became a hub for transporting produce across the State, and the Town began to flourish. The first train arrived at the new depot in Salinas in November of 1872; and

WHEREAS, The State of California incorporated the Town of Salinas on March 4, 1874, as a California City, formally changing the name of our community to Salinas City. It wasn't until the 1900's that the City Council would amend the City Charter twice to change the name to "Salinas" and later to "City of Salinas."

WHEREAS, Mayor Issac J. Harvey and Councilmembers William Vanderhurst, J.B Iverson, Dr. Tuttle, Burbeck Hughes, and William Wilcoxon were Salinas' first City Council; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture began to diversify in the 1890's with new crops and industries taking root in Salinas leading to increased investment and growth. In 1924, Salinas was the wealthiest per capita city in America. In fact, from the 1920's through the 1930s, up to 90% of the nation's lettuce came from the Salinas area, even during the Great Depression. The lettuce boom put Salinas in the spotlight as the "America's Salad Bowl of the World"; and

WHEREAS, The community of East Alisal was established in the early 1930s by people who had left the Dust Bowl in search of job opportunities during the Great Depression. A significant number of these individuals found employment in the thriving lettuce industry in Salinas. In 1963, East Alisal became part of the City of Salinas through annexation; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Salinas would be home to many influential people including Nobel Peace Prize Recipient John Steinbeck who was born in Salinas in 1902 and was a backdrop in history for significant movements that influenced policy on a national level, led by Latino leaders like Presidential Medal of Freedom recipients Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta; and

WHEREAS, For the 150th Anniversary of being established as an incorporated City by the State of California, the City of Salinas is celebrating the deep-rooted history, culture, and significance of our City in the State's history.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, hereby congratulate the City of Salinas on its 150th Anniversary and encourage the community to join them on April 6, 2024, to commemorate "Salinas' 150th Celebration."

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 26th day of March 2024



Chair Supervisor Glenn Church

Vice Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez

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