

County of Monterey

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 25-059

Adopt a resolution recognizing **Sabu Shake Jr.** as the recipient of the Monterey)
County Hospitality Association (MCHA)'s prestigious Hospitality Professional of)
the Year award during the Association's Annual Awards Gala on March 14, 2025,)
and in recognition of his significant contributions to the overall good of Monterey)
County's hospitality industry, he is deserving of special public commendations.....)

WHEREAS, Sabu Shake Jr. will be honored by the Monterey County Hospitality Association as recipient of the Hospitality Professional of the Year Award during its Annual Awards Gala on March 14, 2025, and in recognition of his significant contributions to the overall good of Monterey County's hospitality industry, he is deserving of special public commendations; and

WHEREAS, Sabu Shake Jr. was born and raised in Monterey, California. He is the fourth son of Isabella Shake and the late Sabu Shake, Sr., and brother to Benji, Chris, Angelo, Tene, and his late brother David. He is a devout Catholic and proud father of five children and three grandchildren. Sabu attended Monterey and Carmel schools and graduated from Monterey High School; and

WHEREAS, With over 50 years of experience in the hospitality business, **Sabu Shake Jr.** began working at the family restaurant, Old Fisherman's Grotto, at the age of fourteen in the kitchen alongside his Dad and brothers. He worked his way up to maître d, cashier, manager and learned all aspects of the restaurant business, marketing, financial management and is currently the CFO of the Restaurant Pacific Group, Fish Hopper Monterey, and Fish Hopper Kona Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Sabu Shake Jr. is currently a member of the Compari Club, The Paisano Club, The Sheriff's Advisory Council, and a past member of the Chaines des Rotisseurs, past Board Member of the Boys & Girls Club, the California Restaurant Association, the Monterey Commercial Properties Association and Fisherman's Wharf Association; and

WHEREAS, Sabu Shake Jr. 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. In 2015 the Paisano Club named Shake, Jr. the "Paisano of the Year" and he was also inducted into the Junior Achievement Hall of Fame and the Italian Heritage Society; and

WHEREAS, In 2007, **Sabu Shake Jr.** organized "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. In 2012, he initiated a Salvation Army Turkey Drive Challenge, followed by an annual Holiday Toy Drive and Red Kettle Kickoff in Kona, Hawaii. To date over seven million dollars has been raised for the benefit of The Salvation Army – Monterey Corps. Shake Jr.'s fundraising efforts serve as inspiration for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, whenever tragedy strikes our community, **Sabu Shake Jr.** is always the first to volunteer, organizing and providing food and beverages to those in need, including firefighters, the homeless population along the waterfront, and individuals affected by business closures during the COVID-19 pandemic

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, hereby acknowledge **Sabu Shake Jr.** for his contributions made to the welfare and improvement of the local hospitality industry, through his civic activities and community service.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 11th day of March 2025

Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez

Vice Chair Supervisor Wendy Root Askew

Supervisor Glenn Church

Supervisor Luis A. Alejo

Supervisor Kate Daniels

