

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

Resolution No.

Adopt a resolution honoring **Damon Charles Wasson** upon his retirement from the City of Soledad Police Department after over thirty-five years of outstanding public service.

WHEREAS, Damon Charles Wasson began his distinguished career in law enforcement in 1988 as a Level One Reserve Police Officer with the City of Kingsburg, demonstrating early and unwavering commitment to public safety and community service; and

WHEREAS, Damon Charles Wasson served with the City of Madera Police Department from 1990 to 2008, rising through the ranks from Gang Liaison Officer to Task Force Sergeant and Patrol Sergeant, earning a reputation as a dedicated and skilled law enforcement professional; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Damon Charles Wasson joined the City of Soledad Police Department, where he provided steadfast leadership as Patrol Sergeant, Acting Lieutenant, Police Commander, Deputy Chief of Police, Interim Chief of Police, and ultimately as Chief of Police from March 7, 2020, to March 7, 2025; and

WHEREAS, as Chief of Police, Damon Charles Wasson provided strategic oversight of the department's daily operations, supervising sworn and non-sworn personnel, administering the department's budget, and fostering interagency collaboration with local, state, and federal partners, including the Department of Homeland Security; and

WHEREAS, Damon Charles Wasson's dedication to law enforcement extended beyond his department, as he actively contributed to regional public safety initiatives, serving as Chair of the Monterey County Vehicle Abatement Program, a voting member of the Monterey County Training and Exercise Committee, and a representative for the Urban Area Security Initiative for South Monterey County; and

WHEREAS, Damon Charles Wasson has been recognized for his outstanding service with numerous awards, including Police Officer of the Year from the City of Madera, and commendations from organizations such as the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars; and

WHEREAS, beyond his professional achievements, Damon Charles Wasson has served as a mentor and role model for fellow officers, fostering a culture of integrity, accountability, and community-focused policing, ensuring that the values of service and dedication continue beyond his tenure; and

WHEREAS, Damon Charles Wasson's leadership has left a lasting impact on the City of Soledad and Monterey County, strengthening trust between law enforcement and the community, enhancing public safety, and improving the quality of life for residents; and

WHEREAS, after more than thirty-five years of dedicated public service, **Damon Charles Wasson** has chosen to retire, leaving behind a legacy of leadership, innovation, and unwavering commitment to protecting and serving the community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, on behalf of the County and all of its residents, hereby acknowledges, commends, and expresses its deepest gratitude **to Damon Charles Wasson** for his extraordinary service and contributions to public safety, and extends its best wishes for a well-earned and fulfilling retirement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this ___ day of ___ 2025, upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____ by the following vote, 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