

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 24-365

Adopt a resolution honoring **James M. Cullem** ("Jim") as a Monterey County Military)
and Veterans Affairs Advisory Commission's Veteran of the Year for 2024.....)

WHEREAS, each year the County of Monterey and the Monterey County Veterans Services Advisory Commission honors those who have made a significant contribution to their communities, are strong motivators, have demonstrated extraordinary professional competence and are role models for veterans and the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Military and Veterans Services Advisory Commission is honored to recognize **James M. Cullem** as a 2024 Veteran of the Year; and

WHEREAS, **James M. Cullem** served in the United States Army from June 1966 to December 1987; and

WHEREAS, **James M. Cullem** graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from the U.S. Military Academy, a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering from M.I.T., an MBA from Long Island University and has completed various courses at the Naval Postgraduate School. He also served as President of the Monterey Bay Chapter of the American Public Works Association and as Vice President of the California Society of Professional Engineers; and

WHEREAS, while serving in the Army, **James M. Cullem** was an Executive Officer - 14th Engineer Battalion at Fort Ord; a Deputy Commander for the Seattle division of the Army Corps of Engineers; Director of Engineering and Housing in Mannheim, Germany; Associate Professor of Mechanics at the U.S. Military Academy; a U.S. Engineer Officer in command of project engineer companies in Germany and Vietnam; Project Manager for design and testing of specialized equipment at Fort Ord; Project Manager for various Army Corps facility and dam construction projects; and

WHEREAS, **James M. Cullem** also worked for a number of public agencies and private entities as a director and project manager. Some of those public sector accomplishments were as the Executive Director of the Monterey Peninsula Mayors Water Authority; Parks Manager for the City of Monterey; and Director of Public Works Director for the City of Carmel; and

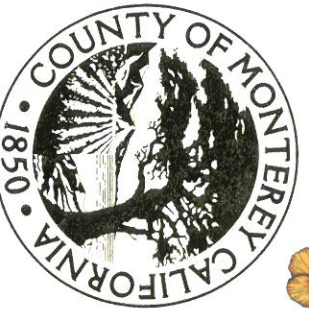
WHEREAS, in the private sector, **James M. Cullem** was a Business Development Manager and Senior Project Manager for several local projects with Harris & Associates, including redevelopment of portions of former Fort Ord for the City of Marina; was the Management Consultant for the Royal Presidio Chapel Conservation Project; and Project Manager for portions for the Capital Improvement Program in the City of Monterey; and

WHEREAS, **James M. Cullem** volunteered his services as a project manager to guide the effort for the Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Foundation. With his astute knowledge, respected skills and experience, and dedicated guidance, he accomplished what had been said "couldn't be done"; and

WHEREAS, **James M. Cullem** is a retired professional civil engineer and veteran and under his astute guidance and optimistic demeanor, and as the result of his dedicating many hours weaving through regulations, requirements and numerous obstacles, and coordinating and advising with architects, regulators, engravers, and various construction providers, there is now a recognition structure which expresses everlasting appreciation to the veterans, families, friends and community members whose support helped provide funds for creation of the Veterans Cemetery to honor and provide true hallowed ground for our veterans and spouses among all service branches.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, honors **James M. Cullem** as a 2024 Monterey County Military and Veterans Affairs Advisory Commission Veteran of the Year and wishes him continued success, peace and happiness in all of his future endeavors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 22nd day of October 2024



Chair Supervisor Glenn Church

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