

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

**Resolution No:**

Resolution honoring **John M. Phillips** as the **2017 Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Ruth Vreeland Memorial Public Official of the Year**.

**WHEREAS**, since 1994, the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has awarded distinguished civic leaders—whose qualifications include serving as an elected official or as an official in the public sector, having had a significant positive economic impact on the business community, and having demonstrated community leadership to the citizens of the Monterey Peninsula—with the *Ruth Vreeland Memorial Public Official of the Year Award*; and,

**WHEREAS, John M. Phillips** grew up in the Culver City area of Southern California, worked with his dad—who was a key grip at Fox Studios | 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox—while going to college and law school, graduated from Long Beach State College (1964) with a B.A. in Political Science and from Boalt Hall School of Law (now UC Berkeley School of Law) with a law degree (1968), and began practicing law after graduation in Oakland, California for several years as a civil litigator for a private law firm; and,

**WHEREAS**, in 1971, **John M. Phillips**, moved to the Monterey area and began a long career in the District Attorney’s office, first serving as Deputy D.A. from 1971 to 1975, then was appointed the Assistant District Attorney in charge of the Salinas office in 1975, where he served until he was appointed to the Monterey Superior Court Bench in 1984, and then served on the Monterey County Bench for twenty-one years until retiring in 2004; and,

**WHEREAS**, while serving on the Bench as presiding Judge of the Monterey Superior Court in 1989, 1996, 1998-2000—**Judge M. Phillips** created the Domestic Violence Court, was the first chairman of the Domestic Violence Council, was responsible for the development of the Mental Health Court, devoted many years on the Bench to the Family Law Court and was responsible for many of its current innovative services; and,

**WHEREAS**, in 2000, **John M. Phillips**, along with other concerned citizens, founded Rancho Cielo, a successful and innovative program for at-risk youth; and, after his retirement in 2004, he devoted most of his time to the continued development of Rancho Cielo, which has created apprenticeship opportunities for those youth in culinary arts, hospitality services and construction that lead to self-supporting careers on the Monterey Peninsula and in the Salinas Valley; and,

**WHEREAS**, in 2014, **John M. Phillips** answered a call to run for political office from citizens who valued his vision and ability to address community concerns, and he was elected as the second district supervisor for the County of Monterey, where he has proven himself to be a well-respected and effective public official who makes sound decisions for the community good; and,

**WHEREAS, John Phillips** and his wife, Patti, live in the Prunedale area, and they have three grown children: Sara, a Livermore teacher; Mike, the North Monterey County High School

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athletic director; and Ellen, the Round Hill Golf Course food and beverage director; and, they also have two grandchildren, Michael and Peyton.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all the County and its citizens thereof, hereby congratulates **John M. Phillips** upon his selection as the **2017 Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Ruth Vreeland Memorial Public Official of the Year**.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018, by the following vote, to wit:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

I, Nicholas E. Chiulos, Acting 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

Dated:

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

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy