

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt a resolution commending **Mayor Kimbley Craig** for her 12 years of dedicated service to the City of Salinas upon her retirement.

WHEREAS, Mayor Kimbley Craig was first elected to the Salinas City Council on November 2, 2010, to serve two, four-year terms as a District 5 Councilmember and was sworn-in on December 2, 2020, as Mayor of Salinas; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Kimbley Craig provided stability, leadership and guidance to the role of Mayor in a time of crisis; the death of Mayor Joe Gunter left the Salinas community in despair, amidst the global COVID-19 pandemic. The city was facing a \$14 million dollar deficit, no Mayor or City Manager, and no vaccines available for COVID. **Mayor Kimbley Craig** stepped into her leadership role with the new council by hiring a City Manager, and being a bold, loud voice for prioritizing vaccines for Salinas, as the city had over half of the County's COVID cases. **Mayor Kimbley Craig** embraced the opportunity to serve the people of Salinas with integrity, steadfastness, and grace

WHEREAS, Mayor Kimbley Craig became the second female Mayor in the City's 150-year history. **Mayor Kimbley Craig** was later re-elected to serve a second term in a landslide win and was sworn-in on December 13, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Kimbley Craig has served on numerous boards, committees and commissions over her 12 years as Councilmember and Mayor, including: Local Agency Formation Commission, Transportation Agency of Monterey County, Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority, Monterey County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Coalition of Homeless Service Providers, Community Alliance of Safety and Peace (CASP), Monterey One Water, the City's Finance Committee, Legislative Committee, Animal Shelter Joint Powers Authority, the City/County Memorandum of Understanding Committee, Rodeo Committee, Fireworks Committee, and also former city committees for Economic Development, Marketing, and Oldtown Salinas Association; and

WHEREAS, During Mayor Kimbley Craig's term in office, she was an integral part of supporting the long-term strategies for Salinas with adoption of the Downtown Vibrancy Plan, the Alisal Vibrancy Plan, the Economic Development Element for the General Plan, Salinas Fire Master Plan, and the Parks, Recreation and Libraries Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Kimbley Craig's advocacy for funding and construction of El Gabilan Library and the Salinas Police Services building, and the rehabilitation of Downtown Salinas, was instrumental to improving the quality of life for Salinas residents; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Kimbley Craig is known for her commitment to partner and collaborate with County Supervisors and the County of Monterey over addressing housing and homelessness, and most prominently, the SHARE Center – a local and state funded transitional housing facility with wraparound services for unhoused residents; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Kimbley Craig was instrumental in leading the city through the first line-of-duty death of a Salinas police officer in 80 years, working to rename the street where the police department is located after Officer J.D. Alvarado, for his service and sacrifice for the residents of Salinas; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Kimbley Craig was on the front lines of the Taylor Farms fire, a 225,000 sq.ft. facility that jeopardized the jobs of over 1,500 residents and she worked to ensure the city's planning and permitting was expedited for rebuilding to guarantee re-opening within one year; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Kimbley Craig has been a fierce champion for public safety, strongly advocating for the need for both police and fire to increase staffing, and ensuring the departments have the modern technology and equipment necessary to do their jobs well; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Kimbley Craig has also been an advocate for Economic Development, recognizing that agricultural technology is the future of our largest industry by supporting Forbes Ag Tech Summit, Coder DoJo, and collaborations with local schools for a pipeline of learning technological advancement in Ag. She has worked with developers on retail expansion and housing, specifically in the Future Growth Area, approving 1,674 single and multi-family homes, with 335 deed-restricted for affordable housing. It is the first major subdivision to be approved in the city in 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Kimbley Craig continues to serve as a community board member for Hospice Giving Foundation and is a volunteer driver for the Independent Transportation Network of Monterey County. **Mayor Kimbley Craig** has volunteered for 24 years for the Salinas Jaycees and Salinas Valley Chamber's Children's Shopping Tour and is a Hall of Fame recipient for Leadership Salinas Valley. **Mayor Kimbley Craig** has served on multiple boards for local nonprofits; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Kimbley Craig is also the President and CEO of Monterey County Business Council, leading the organization to specialize in forging cross-sector alliances between private, public, and nonprofit agencies. **Mayor Kimbley Craig** lives in Salinas with her partner, Bobby Robertson and her Corgi, Lucy.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, hereby recognize and commends the exemplary accomplishments, leadership, and dedication that **Mayor Kimbley Craig** has provided to the residents of the City of Salinas during her 12 years of distinguished public service, and wishes her success, good health, and happiness in all future endeavors. **Mayor Kimbley Craig** has truly made a positive difference in making Salinas a better place to live and work.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this ___ day of ___ 2024, 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