

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

Resolution No:

Adopt a resolution honoring **Pacific Grove Public Library** upon the September 18, 2021, Celebration of the Rededication of the Renewed Library for the Community.

WHEREAS, in 1886 the Pacific Grove Library Association established a Reading Corner for reading and personal enrichment, which in 1888 (one year before the City of Pacific Grove was incorporated) became established as the Pacific Grove Circulating Library; in 1905 the Pacific Grove Free Public Library became the first library in Monterey County to welcome the public without dues or subscription: which led to the establishment of a permanent Carnegie Library in Pacific Grove, built with a \$10,000 grant from Andrew Carnegie and a parcel of land from the Pacific Improvement Company for a total cost of \$14,000; and

WHEREAS, in 1908 the **Pacific Grove Public Library** opened at 550 Central Avenue, and continuously provided library services to people of all ages at the same location for one hundred eleven years, this includes service throughout the 2020 pandemic shutdown which resulted in a 60 % increase in e-resource downloads; community demand led to the vision of the Library Renewal Project, an extensive interior remodel to preserve the community's past, enhance the present and prepare for the future; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of generous community donors, including businesses, service groups, local foundations, non-profits, and the City of Pacific Grove, together contributed over \$3 million for the **Pacific Grove Public Library** Renewal Project through a capital campaign led by the Friends of the Pacific Grove Public Library and the Pacific Grove Public Library Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the **Pacific Grove Public Library** Renewal Project began in November 2019 and was completed by July 2020, ahead of schedule and under budget during a pandemic, as designed by architect Karin Payson, of KPa+d, constructed by Avila Construction Company and subcontractors, and overseen by the City of Pacific Grove's Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the original 1908 Carnegie rotunda is now refinished and revealed; a central history space was created to preserve and display irreplaceable local archives; comfortable, accessible and welcoming community spaces were refreshed for all ages and abilities; building systems, restrooms, carpeting, shelving and fixtures were updated; usability and accessibility was improved; connectivity and technology infrastructure has been improved for 21st century needs; and

WHEREAS, the successful completion of the **Pacific Grove Public Library** Renewal Project, led by the vision and dedication of library and City employees, and library volunteer groups, funded by the generosity of many, many community donors, and made possible by the love and support of countless Pacific Grove Public Library patrons through the ages, will ensure that the **Pacific Grove Public Library** will provide the joy of reading and lifelong learning to meet the needs of generations to come.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all the County and its residents thereof, hereby congratulates **the Pacific Grove Public Library** and the community it serves upon the successful completion of the Library Renewal Project and the Rededication of the Renewed **Pacific Grove Public Library** on September 18, 2021.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2021, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

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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 _____, 2021.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California.

By _____
Deputy