

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

**Resolution No.**

Adopt Resolution honoring  
**Dennis Donohue** upon his retirement  
as Mayor of the City of Salinas

**WHEREAS, Dennis Donohue** was born in San Fernando, California and moved to Salinas in 1954. He attended Mission Park School in Salinas and graduated from Palma High School; and

**WHEREAS, Dennis Donohue** earned his B.A. in History from the University of San Francisco and received his M.A. in Religious Education from Gannon University in Erie, Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS, Dennis Donohue** was elected Mayor of Salinas in 2006, winning a strong mandate for his “Imagine a Great City” campaign; and

**WHEREAS,** when **Dennis Donohue** first ran for Mayor in 2006, he laid out a comprehensive peace strategy incorporating prevention, intervention and enforcement, based on best practices from cities that had succeeded in reducing gang violence; and

**WHEREAS,** during his tenure as Mayor **Dennis Donohue** has proposed and initiated many successful movements toward strong economic development and public safety, including Gifts for Guns, Operation Ceasefire, Clergy Council Group, the Community Safe Alliance, and the City of Salinas’s Enterprise Zone; and

**WHEREAS, Dennis Donohue** has been active in the Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce for over 20 years, serving as a member of the Board since 2004, as Marketing and Membership Director in 2005, and Chair in 2006. He was named the Chamber’s Member of the Year in 2003; and

**WHEREAS, Dennis Donohue** serves on the board of the Grower-Shipper Association of Central California, serving as Chair in 2008; and

**WHEREAS, Dennis Donohue** became a familiar face in Salinas when he Co-chaired the campaign committee for Measure V, a half-cent sales tax that rescued the City from a fiscal emergency; and

**WHEREAS, Dennis Donohue** was recognized by the California Library Association when he was awarded the President's Award in 2005 for his service on the Steering Committee of Rally Salinas!, a coalition formed to raise interim funds for Salinas's threatened libraries; and

**WHEREAS, Dennis Donohue** has served on the Salinas Planning Commission, the Salinas Affirmative Action Commission, the Salinas Police Activity Commission and the Citizen's Review Committee for the General Plan; and

**WHEREAS, Dennis Donohue** served on the Steering Committees of the "No on Measure O" campaign, which successfully prevented the loss of important City Revenue from the utility tax, and Measure C, an increase in outdated business fees, which brought over a million much needed dollars to City coffers; and

**WHEREAS, Dennis Donohue** has been a director on the board of Second Chance Youth Program, a gang-prevention non-profit and has served on a number of other boards for youth, seniors, and education, including Palma High School Board of Directors, Salinas Senior Center, Advisory Board of Directors and LIFE After School Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS, Dennis Donohue** has volunteered since 2001 with I-Help of St. Joseph's Church, a nonprofit organization that provides homeless men with interim shelter and food in local churches. He has also served on the Parish Finance Councils of Madonna Del Sasso and Sacred Heart Churches; and

**WHEREAS, Dennis Donohue**, when coordinating efforts with the County of Monterey, has represented the City of Salinas with pride and has always strived to improve his community through cooperative efforts with many County departments and officials; and

**WHEREAS, Dennis Donohue** is supported in his many endeavors by his wife Paula, and his two children, Emily and Allan.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all citizens thereof, honors **Dennis Donohue** for his outstanding service, exceptional dedication and many contributions during his career as the Mayor of Salinas, and wishes him continued success, peace, and happiness in his retirement and all his future endeavors.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012 by the following vote, to wit:

**AYES:**  
**NOES:**  
**ABSENT:**

I, Gail T. Borkowski, 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 Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_, for the meeting on \_\_\_\_\_.

Dated:

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

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