

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

Resolution No.:

Resolution recognizing City of Salinas Mayor Joe Gunter.

WHEREAS, Joe Gunter was born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland, residing there until 1959 when he and his family relocated to the City of Marina where he attended school, and

WHEREAS, Joe Gunter, following his father's footsteps, joined the military and served the United States Marine Corps, where he received the rank of sergeant and fought in the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, After successfully serving in the military, Joe Gunter returned to Monterey County, where he sought a career in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, On December 10, 1969, at the age of twenty-two, Mr. Gunter was hired by the Salinas Police Department where he obtained immediate advice from his Chief to stay, engage, and learn from the community in order to understand its needs. Mr. Gunter not only served the community he became a resident of the community. Over the span of thirty-two years, Mr. Gunter thrived and quickly made Detective investigating an estimated 340 homicides within the City of Salinas and Monterey County, receiving the 1986 Officer of the Year; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, Joe Gunter, an achieved community servant, retired from the Salinas Police Department with high praise and vision for the future of the City of Salinas; and

WHEREAS, Joe Gunter and his wife, Lisa Eisemann, opened the Salinas School of Dance and operated a private investigation firm for civil cases; and

WHEREAS, On November 2012, Mr. Gunter and his long affinity for community engagement, bestowed on him through his mother's passion for community involvement, embarked on history when he was the first former police officer to be elected as Mayor of the City of Salinas; and

WHEREAS, Joe Gunter's commitment and dedication to community service championed great efforts to move Salinas forward by strengthening city infrastructure, improving public safety resources, parks and open spaces, establishing a partnership between city and county to battle homelessness, while developing economic efforts and job growth opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Joe Gunter has honorarily served the community by way of volunteerism work for the Salinas Police Department, California International Airshow Association, California Rodeo Salinas, Women's Crisis Center for Monterey County, Central Coast Federal Credit Union, Alisal Youth Sports, and as a Founding Member of Tappin' Dads; and

WHEREAS, Joe Gunter has contributed over 50 years of service to the City of Salinas as a military veteran, police officer, detective, coach, parent, mentor, and a trusted elected official; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, honors Salinas Mayor Joe Gunter and commends him for his 50 years of dedicated, unselfish, hard work and his exemplary service to the City of Salinas and the people of Monterey County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2020, 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 _____, 2020.

Dated:

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

By _____
Deputy