

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

**Resolution No.**

Commending County Administrative Officer        )  
Charles J. McKee upon his retirement after        )  
almost 20 years of dedicated public service to     )  
the County of Monterey, first as County Counsel    )  
and then as County Administrative Officer, and a    )  
total of 31 years of public service.                )

WHEREAS, Charles J. McKee was born in New Jersey, received Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degrees from Hampshire College in Amherst Maine, and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Maine School of Law; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. McKee wisely moved West to California, and began his law career as an attorney with the Vallejo City Attorney’s Office; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. McKee then became a Deputy County Counsel in the Marin County Counsel’s Office, and then County Counsel for Nevada County; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. McKee was appointed County Counsel for the County of Monterey in 2003, and served faithfully and well in that position until 2019 when he was appointed County Administrative Officer; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. McKee has, over his lengthy career in the County Counsel’s Office, advised on a wide range of subjects including land use, environment, contracts, purchasing, health, capital projects, employment, conflict of interest, Brown Act and Public Records Act; and,

WHEREAS, during his time in the County Counsel’s Office Mr. McKee helped guide the County through the treacherous General Plan Update process, several years of difficult budget conditions, the revitalization of Natividad Medical Center, and numerous fires and other emergencies; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. McKee has made significant contributions to the legal community serving as President of the Monterey County Bar Association, and a Monterey College of Law Trustee; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. McKee served as President of the County Counsel’s Association of California from 2014 – 2015, on the Association’s Board of Directors from 2011 – 2016, and as the County Counsel representative to the California State Association of Counties Board of Directors and its Executive Committee from 2016 – 2019; and,

WHEREAS, during his time as CAO, Mr. McKee helped guide the County through the COVID-19 pandemic, the on-going drought, the 2020 River, Carmel, and Dolan fires, and the

2021 Winter Storms; successfully updated, expanded and improved the County's internal and external communications program; and oversaw the implementation of the Citygate Associates report, separating the former Resource Management Agency into two departments, and the successful transition of the Laguna Seca Recreation Area to a new management firm; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. McKee has been married to his wife, Tamara, for 28 years; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. McKee has gained a reputation in the Monterey County legal community as a dedicated, knowledgeable and outstanding public entity attorney, and in the public entity executive community as an effective and collaborative County executive; and,

WHEREAS, during the course of his career with the County of Monterey, Mr. McKee has developed and maintained strong friendships with his colleagues throughout the County family, served as an excellent mentor to younger attorneys while as County Counsel, has supported department heads while CAO, and fostered a collaborative approach to County government; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. McKee is an avid snow skier and bicycle enthusiast; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. McKee has decided to retire and deservedly spend more time with his wife, on the slopes and bicycle trails and lanes, and undertake travel and other activities; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. McKee will be missed by his colleagues not only for his legal skills and leadership, but also for his level-headed demeanor, openness, and humor; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors in and for the County of Monterey commends and thanks Charles J. McKee for his almost 20 years of dedicated public service to the County of Monterey, his overall 31 years of dedicated public service, and his many contributions to the citizens and residents of the County of Monterey, and he is wished much happiness as he begins his retirement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of December, 2022, 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