

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

**Resolution No.:**

Adopt Resolution commending **Supervising Forensic Evidence Technician Victor Lurz** upon his retirement from thirty-six years of public service with the Monterey County Sheriff's Office.

**WHEREAS, Victor Lurz** was hired by the Monterey County Sheriff's Office on May 29, 1984, by Sheriff D.B. "Bud" Cook; having worked under six Monterey County Sheriffs: D.B. "Bud" Cook, Norman Hicks, Gordon Sonne, Mike Kanalakis, Scott Miller, and Steve Bernal; and

**WHEREAS, Victor Lurz** was born and raised in South Dakota, and was raised in a family of 15 siblings by his parents Harold and Mildred Lurz; and

**WHEREAS, Victor Lurz** served in the United States Navy from 1976 to 1980 and was promoted to Petty Officer Second Class as a Hull Technician aboard the USS Samuel Gompers (AD37) where he learned welding and fabrications skills and was the supply officer for the Shipfitter Shop all while experiencing travel to faraway places; and

**WHEREAS,** upon being honorably discharged from the Navy, **Victor Lurz** worked as a welder/shipfitter for a variety of shipyard facilities in the San Diego area and was a taxicab driver in his spare time; and

**WHEREAS, Victor Lurz** attended night classes at Grossmont College, studying Evidence Technology, long before it became mainstream and known as Crime Scene Investigation, and also interned as a volunteer in the San Diego Police Department Crime Lab; and

**WHEREAS, Victor Lurz** graduated from Grossmont College with honors in 1984, and was hired as an Identification Technician at the Monterey County Sheriff's Office and was extremely grateful to be mentored by George Millar; and

**WHEREAS, Victor Lurz** worked his entire career in the MCSO Crime Lab experiencing and participating in many technological advances including: photography transitioned from black and white film processing and printing into digital cameras and enhancing of images; advances in the field of fingerprint identification; crime scene documentation and measurements that can now be accomplished in minutes using digital scanning technology; and

**WHEREAS, Victor Lurz** was promoted to Supervising Forensic Technician in 1996; a position he held until his retirement and feels privileged to have provided the first stepping stone for several outstanding employees who went on to stellar careers in the field of crime scene investigation; and

**WHEREAS, Victor Lurz** volunteered for many organizations and groups during his career, including: Board member and President of SEIU Local 817, representing many of the county's non-sworn employees in contract negotiations and grievances; Citizen's Academy Instructor;

Sheriff's representative on the Ergonomics Task Force: founding member of the Employee Fitness Program and "What's The Scoop" column in the Department's newsletter; coordinator of the Monterey County Special Olympics Torch Run and Tip-a-Cop fundraisers; Board member and active participant in the Deputies Benefit Association for over 30 years; training and mentoring many intern/volunteers who had an interest in the field of Evidence Technology; Long-time member and Director of the Monterey County Peace Officers Association, and was given the opportunity to take photographs of nearly every employee, as well as having the pleasure to take photographs at most law enforcement-related events throughout his career; and

**WHEREAS, Victor Lurz**, has assisted every Monterey County Law Enforcement agency with evidence and crime scene processing and over his career has received letters of appreciation and commendations from citizens, staff, community organizations, and law enforcement agencies commending his exceptional work, teamwork, and community commitment; and

**WHEREAS, Victor Lurz** had the great experience of working with many of law enforcement's top detectives and officers, along with some of the finest civilian support staff in law enforcement; and

**WHEREAS, Victor Lurz** is married to his wife of 29 years, Lorin, and they have two daughters, Forest and Violet.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey on behalf of all residents thereof, acknowledges, commends, and thanks **Forensic Evidence Technician Victor Lurz** for his thirty-six years of exemplary public service to the citizens of Monterey County, and as a valued member of the Monterey County Sheriff's Office.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors wishes him success, health, and happiness in all future endeavors, and joy in this well-deserved retirement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021, 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

Dated:

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

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