

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

**Resolution No.**

Adopt Resolution honoring **Jim Cook** upon his retirement from the County of Monterey after 27 years of public service

**WHEREAS, Jim Cook** began his public service career with the County of Monterey in December 1984 as an Associate Administrative Analyst with the County Administrative Office; thereafter joining the County's Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) and reclassified to a Senior Administrative Analyst in March 1986, and then promoted as LAFCO Executive Officer in April 1988; and

**WHEREAS,** in January 1995 **Jim Cook** became the County's Redevelopment Program Manager; in February 1999 served as the Interim Director of General Services; and in November 1999 was Principal Administrative Analyst; in October 2007 was reclassified to Redevelopment and Housing Director; and in November 2011, was appointed as the Economic Development/WIB Director; and

**WHEREAS, Jim Cook** has provided nearly three decades of dedicated service to Monterey County, greatly contributing to the quality and success of the organization and improving the quality of life for the residents of the communities of Pajaro, Boronda and Castroville; and

**WHEREAS,** in the community of Pajaro, **Jim Cook** managed recovery from the 1995 floods; directed redevelopment projects including renovation of the Porter-Vallejo Mansion; a Storm Drain Master Plan; acquisition of over \$10 million in federal funding; construction of a phased storm drain, street, and sidewalk installation program; a community-wide streetlight master plan and an Underground Utility District and Streetlight Installation Project; the 63-unit Nuevo Amanecer affordable housing project; and a \$5 million State grant for the Pajaro Neighborhood Park; and

**WHEREAS,** in the community of Castroville, **Jim Cook** directed a comprehensive redevelopment including a Community Plan, Castro Plaza, a new County Library, Child and Family Resource Center, County Supervisor's Office, and public plaza and fountain; historic restoration of the Japanese Schoolhouse, community youth center, and park; and the 58-unit Cynara Court affordable housing project; and

**WHEREAS,** in the community of Boronda, **Jim Cook** directed community improvement efforts including the Boronda Storm Drain and Street Improvement Master Plan and phased implementation program; negotiated the Marriott Hotel Development (Courtyard and Residence Inn); and the Boronda Oaks and Jardines de Boronda affordable housing projects; and

**WHEREAS, Jim Cook** managed and directed the creation of the Fort Ord Redevelopment Project Area and property transfers from the U.S. Army and the Fort Ord Reuse Authority, and the implementation of redevelopment projects, including the 1,400-unit East Garrison

development, the Central Coast Veterans Cemetery project, lease of the Ord Market, and the Fort Ord Recreational Habitat Area Trail Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS, Jim Cook** directed the formation of the County's new Economic Development Department aligning workforce investment functions with business needs and focusing strategies on the County's economy, including agriculture, research, education, technology, tourism and small business development.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, on behalf of the County and all of its citizens hereof, hereby acknowledges, commends, and thanks **Jim Cook** for all of his contributions and dedicated service to Monterey County.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board hereby congratulates **Jim Cook** upon his retirement and wishes him success, good health, and happiness in his retirement.

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:

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

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