

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

Resolution No.

Resolution honoring **Joe Gunter** as a
Monterey County Military and Veterans
Services Advisory Commission's
"Veteran of the Year" for 2012

WHEREAS, each year the County of Monterey and County Veterans Services Advisory Commission honors those who have made a significant contribution in their communities, are strong motivators, have demonstrated extraordinary professional competence and are strong role models for veterans and the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Military and Veterans Services Advisory Commission is honored to recognize **Joe Gunter** as a 2012 Monterey County "Veteran of the Year"; and

WHEREAS, **Joe Gunter** served in the United States Marine Corps from January 1966 until December 1969; and

WHEREAS, **Joe Gunter** served in Vietnam from September 1966 through December 1967, and was promoted to Sergeant (E-5) by the time he was discharged in December 1969; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, **Joe Gunter** was hired by the Salinas Police Department as a patrol officer, and was promoted to Detective in 1975; and

WHEREAS, **Joe Gunter** was elected to the Salinas Police Officers Association board for over ten years, including the position of president; and

WHEREAS, in February 1986, **Joe Gunter** was named National Police Officer of the Month in the Master Detective category; and

WHEREAS, in January of 2002 **Joe Gunter** retired from Salinas Police Department after over thirty-two years and immediately began a second career with the department as a civilian background Investigator and Reserve Officer; and

WHEREAS, **Joe Gunter** is the longest serving officer in the Salinas Police Department history, serving for over forty-two years; and

WHEREAS, **Joe Gunter** continues to support the community in other ways, including conducting volunteer foot patrols in Old Town Salinas, serving on the board of the Women's Crisis Center as the President for four years, serving the Central Coast Credit Union, including Chairman of the Supervisory Committee, and has volunteered at the California Rodeo, the California International Airshow, the Salinas Police Activities League, and Relay for Life events;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all citizens thereof, honors **Joe Gunter** as a 2012 Monterey County Veterans Services Advisory Committee “Veteran of the Year” and wishes him continued success, peace and happiness in all of his future endeavors.