

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

**Resolution No.:**

Adopt a resolution recognizing Operator-Firefighter **Carlos Forte** for his distinguished service as the Mid-Coast Fire Brigade Volunteer Firefighter-of-the-Year.

**WHEREAS, Carlos Forte** stumbled onto the Mid-Coast Fire Brigade during the 2016 Soberanes Fire as a concerned citizen and was instrumental in providing hot meals to the Brigade volunteers as they could not leave the community; and

**WHEREAS, Carlos Forte** officially joined the Mid-Coast Fire Brigade on September 1, 2017 and shortly thereafter, became an essential member of the Brigade rope rescue team, helping to ensure quarterly trainings, and that members of the team continued to be proficient in their skills; and

**WHEREAS, Carlos Forte** quickly mastered the skills of a firefighter and soon stepped up to the fire apparatus engineer training program where he excelled; and

**WHEREAS, Carlos Forte** spent time focusing on practical skills to become proficient, as well as spending time navigating large equipment on narrow, treacherous four-wheel drive roads; and

**WHEREAS, Carlos Forte** became the go-to-guy for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) training and took over the scheduling of maintenance on the SCBA's as well as the Breathing Air Compressor and trained firefighters becoming the subject matter expert; and

**WHEREAS, Carlos Forte** was nominated and elected as the treasurer for the fire board. It was during this time that he heard of the need to replace our Type 6 engine with a rescue unit. Once Carlos Forte became aware of this need, he offered to help research different vehicle manufacturers and further helped with the buildup, obtaining bids from various vendors allowing us to build something unique to our response area needs and ultimately found the company that we awarded the bid to build our new rescue unit; and

**WHEREAS, Carlos Forte** stepped up to help with routine maintenance of all of Brigade equipment, its station and grounds. He has managed to do all of this while maintaining a global manufacturing company of nutritional supplements and superfoods, and travels around the world for his business and manufacturing facility in Madera, California; and

**WHEREAS, Carlos Forte** has found the time to step up and help the Mid-Coast community and take a major amount of responsibility from the Chief Officers, which is no small task; and

**WHEREAS, In his spare time, Carlos Forte** has stepped up to lead training in the absence of Chief 7400 and always leads by example representing the Mid-Coast Fire Brigade.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, honors **Carlos Forte** for his Distinguished

Service as the Mid-Coast Fire Brigade Volunteer Firefighter-of-the-Year, and commends him for his heroism, sacrifice and dedication to the County of Monterey. The County of Monterey hereby salutes and honors his bravery and heroic actions.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_ 2025, upon motion of Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ 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