

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

**Resolution No.:**

Adopt Resolution commending **Deputy William Hija**  
upon his retirement from twenty-four and a half years  
of public service with the Monterey County Sheriff's Office

**WHEREAS, Deputy William C. Hija** was born in Chula Vista, California; at the age of 12 his family moved to Prunedale; he graduated from North Monterey County High School in 1985; and graduated from Bethany College of the Assembly of God after earning a Baccalaureate degree in 2002; and

**WHEREAS, Deputy William C. Hija** achieved the rank of Sergeant in the United Marine Corps Reserve; serving as the Repair Section Chief of a HAWK Anti-Aircraft Missile System Battery holding a secret security clearance and earned numerous awards for fitness, rifle marksmanship, and outstanding performance; and

**WHEREAS, Deputy William C. Hija** met his wife Julie in a singles Bible Study Group at Salinas Valley Community Church and will be married 25 years this June; they have two children and 3 grandchildren; their oldest child has recently started his career as a Monterey County Deputy Sheriff; and

**WHEREAS, Deputy William Hija** was sworn in by Sheriff Bud Cook as a volunteer Sheriff's Explorer; as a Reserve Deputy by Sheriff Norman Hicks in 1996; and was sworn in by Sheriff Mike Kanalakakis in 2007 as a full time Deputy Sheriff; over his career he served under seven Monterey County Sheriffs: Bud Cook, Norm Hicks, Gordon Sonne, Mike Kanalakakis, Scott Miller, Steve Bernal, and Tina Nieto; and

**WHEREAS, Deputy William Hija**, began his career in law enforcement as a volunteer Sheriff's Explorer earning the rank of Explorer Captain; he served as an advisor for the Sheriff's Explorer Program, earning much respect and appreciation from the youth and the community he served; and

**WHEREAS, Deputy William Hija** demonstrated excellent performance during his tour of duty at the Monterey County Sheriff's Office where he held the positions of Explorer, Explorer Advisor, Reserve Deputy, full time Deputy Sheriff; and as a Deputy Probation Officer III while serving at the Monterey County Probation Department; while working for the Sheriff's Office he served in every position on the Board of Directors for the Deputy Sheriff's Association, finishing his career as DSA President; and

**WHEREAS, Deputy William Hija** held numerous assignments to include Special Enforcement Detail, Motorcycle Deputy, Reserve Coordinator, Team Leader and founder of the Radio Communications Support Team, Crime Scene Investigator, Range Master, Impact Weapons Instructor, Chemical Agents Instructor, TASER Instructor, Defensive Tactics Instructor, and

served on the implementation team for the County's Next Generation Radio System; and

**WHEREAS, Deputy William Hija**, plans to continue teaching at Hartnell College and wants to enjoy his retirement by teaching and preparing future leaders for a life of public service; and giving back to the community; and

**WHEREAS, Deputy William Hija** appreciates the opportunity he had to serve his community and live a life of purpose, meaning, and fulfillment.

**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 **Deputy William C. Hija** for his twenty-four and a half years of exemplary public service to the residents of Monterey County, 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 his future endeavors and much joy in his well-deserved retirement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Valeria 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

Dated:

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

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