

County of Monterey

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 24-411

Adopt a resolution honoring **Dave Feliz** for over forty years of service to)
the people and the wildlife of California upon his retirement from the)
California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Dave retires from his latest)
role in the Department as the manager of the Elkhorn Slough National)
Estuarine Research Reserve and Senior Environmental Scientist.....)

WHEREAS, Dave Feliz received a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Management from Humboldt State University while serving as an environmental educator and field crew leader with the Youth Conservation Corps; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Feliz began his career with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife in 1984 as a seasonal aide working on sportfishing tagging. He became a permanent employce of the Department and worked on San Francisco Bay studying the effects of freshwater outflow on the abundance and distribution of fish and shellfish in the Estuary; and

WHEREAS, Dave Feliz began managing State lands in 1988 at the San Jacintho Wildlife Area in Riverside County, where he helped restore three miles of riparian forest, and at Grizzly Island Wildlife Area in Solano County, where he managed a herd of Tule Elk; and


WHEREAS, from 1998 to 2011, Mr. Feliz served as a Wildlife Habitat Supervisor and Senior Wildlife Biologist at the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area in Yolo County where he led the expansion of the area from 4,500 acres to over 12,000 acres, developed 3,000 acres of new seasonal wetlands, developed co-management partnerships with rice farmers and cattlemen, and demonstrated the multiple benefits of cooperative flood management, farming, ranching, and wetland conservation; and

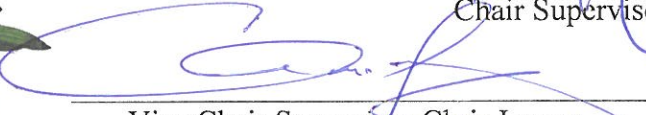
WHEREAS, in 2011, Dave Feliz became Senior Environmental Scientist Supervisor and manager of the Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve, where he oversaw research, stewardship, coastal training and education programs, restoration of 120 acres of tidal wetlands, removed 1,500 non-native, invasive eucalyptus trees from the Reserve, and has helped restore habitat for rare and endangered amphibians; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Feliz spent his career establishing common ground between disparate interests to build conservation outcomes that work for the community. He has worked equally well with farmers and environmentalists, bird watchers and hunters, or any number of typically opposing groups, and brought people together. He is dedicated to science education for all ages, and the belief that improvements to our environment improve our communities.

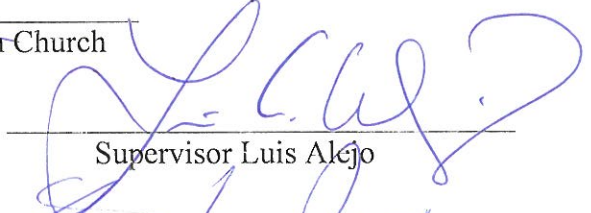
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all its residents, hereby recognize and honor **Dave Feliz** upon his retirement from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife as the Senior Environmental Scientist and Elkhorn Slough Reserve Manager.

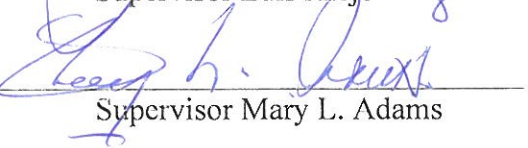
PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 3rd day of December 2024


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