

## RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 25-335

WHEREAS, in 2022 the City of Seaside formalized its Sister City partnership with Oaxaca de Juárez, Mexico, honoring the deep cultural and familial connections shared by many Seaside residents with Oaxaca and other regions of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Seaside is home to a vibrant Mexican and Oaxacan community whose traditions, values, and contributions have long enriched the cultural, social, and economic fabric of the city, making the Sister City relationship a reflection of Seaside's own diverse heritage; and

WHEREAS, the Oaxaca By The Sea Festival was created to celebrate this partnership and brings together families, students, artists, and visitors to share in the music, dance, art, culinary flavors, and indigenous traditions that distinguish the people of Oaxaca; and

WHEREAS, Oaxaca By The Sea Festival has hosted delegations of Oaxacan performers, artisans, and cultural ambassadors, while Seaside leaders and community members have in turn strengthened international goodwill through reciprocal visits and public safety equipment donations that foster understanding across borders; and

WHEREAS, this enduring partnership reflects Seaside's values of inclusivity, diversity, and global citizenship, reaffirming the city's commitment to honoring its immigrant roots while building bridges of friendship with the people of Oaxaca de Juárez for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of the 5th anniversary of Oaxaca By The Sea provides an opportunity to recognize the dedicated community leaders, volunteers, performers, and cultural organizations from both Seaside and Oaxaca whose commitment has sustained and enriched this Sister City relationship.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors on behalf of all the County and its residents, thereof, hereby recognizes and celebrate the 5th Anniversary of Oaxaca By The Sea Festival and the Sister City Partnership with Oaxaca de Juárez, Mexico, and expresses its gratitude to all who have contributed to this vibrant cultural exchange, with a renewed commitment to continue strengthening bonds of friendship, unity, and shared celebration between the two communities.

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Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 23rd day of September 2025

Vice Chair Supervisor Wendy Root Askew

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