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

Resolution No:

Resolution in appreciation of Anton "Tony" Salameh for his decades) of service to the hospitality industry of Monterey County......)

WHEREAS, Anton "Tony" Salameh was born on 1951 in Manila, Philippines and was raised since age two in Jerusalem, Jordon where he attended elementary and secondary schools. He graduated from the Hotel School of Lausanne, Switzerland, and

WHEREAS, Tony began his 48 year career in the restaurant and hospitality industry at the Atlas Hotels, Town & Country Hotel in San Diego, CA. He next served as the Resident Manager of Quail Lodge in Carmel, CA. In 1975 he went to work at the Jordon International Hotels in Aqaba & Amman, Jordon and in 1977 he returned to Quail Lodge as the Food and Beverage Director, and

WHEREAS, Tony has been the owner of Anton & Michel Restaurant in Carmel since 1980. In 1994 he opened his second restaurant, The Grill on Ocean Avenue which he sold in 2018. In 1996, he opened his third and fourth restaurants, PortaBella & Merlot Bistro which he sold in 2015, and

WHEREAS, in addition to managing restaurants, **Tony** consults through his management company, M.A.S.T. Restaurant Management for the Village Corner Bistro and Flaherty's Seafood Grill, and

WHEREAS, Tony has given his expertise and passion of service back to the industry through current membership in the Monterey County Hospitality Association, Monterey Convention & Visitors Bureau, Carmel Chamber of Commerce, California Restaurant Association, National Restaurant Association, Les Toques Blanches and was a past member of Chaine des Rotisseurs, and

WHEREAS, Tony served on the Board of Directors of the Monterey Peninsula Hotel & Restaurant Association (which would become MCHA). He was Director and Vice President on the Board of the Carmel Business Association (currently Carmel Chamber). Director on the Board of the local chapter of the California Restaurant Association and served on the State Board of the California Restaurant Association, and

WHEREAS, Tony is married to his wife of 42 years, Maria and they have two sons, Anton and Stefan, two daughters-in-law Mary-Katherine and Michelle and one grandson, Christian, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that for his decades of service to the hospitality industry of Monterey County, his involvement in multiple organizations to work towards the betterment of the hospitality industry and the respect of his peers, **Anton "Tony" Salameh** is the recipient of our highest honor, the 2019 Hospitality Professional of the Year award.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of March 2020, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT