

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt a resolution recognizing **Leon E. Panetta** as the Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce 2025 Legacy of Leadership Legacy Award Honoree.

WHEREAS, the Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce Legacy of Leadership Gala honors exceptional individuals who have demonstrated exemplary leadership, dedication, and service in making the Salinas Valley a better place to live, work, and thrive; and

WHEREAS, **Leon E. Panetta** has dedicated more than fifty years to public service at the highest levels of government and education, leaving an indelible impact on the Salinas Valley, the nation, and the world; and

WHEREAS, **Leon E. Panetta** began his career in 1964 as a First Lieutenant in the United States Army, earning the Army Commendation Medal, and later served as Director of the Office for Civil Rights at the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, where he enforced equal education laws; and

WHEREAS, elected to represent the California Central Coast in the U.S. House of Representatives, **Leon E. Panetta** served sixteen years with distinction before joining the Clinton Administration as Director of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget and later as White House Chief of Staff, where he was instrumental in achieving a balanced federal budget; and

WHEREAS, **Leon E. Panetta** went on to serve as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, overseeing the operation that brought Osama bin Laden to justice, and was unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate as the twenty-third Secretary of Defense, where he developed a new defense strategy for the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, In 1997, **Leon E. Panetta** and his wife, Sylvia founded the Panetta Institute for Public Policy at CSU Monterey Bay, a non-partisan, not-for-profit study center that continues to inspire young people to pursue lives of public service; and

WHEREAS, **Leon E. Panetta** has chronicled his career in his best-selling memoir *Worthy Fights* and remains a proud son of the Salinas Valley whose values of hard work, service, and community are reflected in his legacy; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors on behalf of all the County and its residents, thereof, hereby congratulates **Leon E. Panetta** as the Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce 2025 Legacy of Leadership Legacy Award Honoree and extends its deepest gratitude for his lifetime of service and commitment to the Salinas Valley and beyond.

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