

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt a resolution recognizing Santa Cruz County Supervisor **Zach Friend**, for his many years of Public Service to the residents of Santa Cruz County and Pajaro.

WHEREAS, Zach Friend was originally elected to the Board of Supervisors in 2012, representing the beautiful diverse Second District; and

WHEREAS, Zach Friend has served at the highest levels of government and has extensive experience shaping and enacting local, state and federal legislation and regulatory policy. He has served in the White House Council of Economic Advisers, United States Senate, United States House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Zach Friend worked nearly a decade with the Santa Cruz Police Department as a Press Information Officer and Crime Analyst. He built and led government affairs and communications teams, served as a spokesperson for multiple presidential campaigns, advised executive level business and government leaders on communications strategy, messaging and narrative development; and

WHEREAS, Zach Friend has chaired and served on local, state and national commissions on health care, health access, higher education, the University of California system, transportation, technology policy, blockchain, criminal justice, law enforcement, environment, land use, economic development and the film and television industries; and

WHEREAS, Zach Friend represented the Santa Cruz county Board of Supervisors on the following regional agencies and boards: California State Association of Counties Health and Human Services Committee, Consolidated Redevelopment Successor Agency Oversight Board, Criminal Justice Council, Highway 1 Construction Authority, Library Financing Authority, Local Agency Formation Commission, Monterey Bay Air Resources District Board of Directors, Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Task Force, National Association of Counties Board of Directors, National Association of Counties Telecommunications and Technology Committee, Oral Health Access Santa Cruz County, Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission, Santa Cruz County Sanitation District Board of Directors, Santa Cruz Mid-County Water Agency Board of Directors, Santa Cruz-Monterey-Merced Managed Medical Care Commission, Pajaro Regional Flood Management Agency and Pajaro River Project Finance Committee; and

WHEREAS, Zach Friend played a key role to help secure over \$400 million state and federal funding for the Pajaro River Flood Risk Management Project, a first in California for a project of its kind, and helping move that project forward after years of effort.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, hereby congratulates **Zach Friend** for his many years of public service, dedication and effective advocacy. We wish him a happy and fulfilling future upon his retirement from public service, dedication and effective advocacy to the people of Santa Cruz County and Pajaro.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this ___ day of ___ 2024, 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