

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt Resolution commending **Deputy William Hija** upon his retirement from twenty-four and a half years of public service with the Monterey County Sheriff's Office

WHEREAS, Deputy William C. Hija was born in Chula Vista, California; at the age of 12 his family moved to Prunedale; he graduated from North Monterey County High School in 1985; and graduated from Bethany College of the Assembly of God after earning a Baccalaureate degree in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Deputy William C. Hija achieved the rank of Sergeant in the United Marine Corps Reserve; serving as the Repair Section Chief of a HAWK Anti-Aircraft Missile System Battery holding a secret security clearance and earned numerous awards for fitness, rifle marksmanship, and outstanding performance; and

WHEREAS, Deputy William C. Hija met his wife Julie in a singles Bible Study Group at Salinas Valley Community Church and will be married 25 years this June; they have two children and 3 grandchildren; their oldest child has recently started his career as a Monterey County Deputy Sheriff; and

WHEREAS, Deputy William Hija was sworn in by Sheriff Bud Cook as a volunteer Sheriff's Explorer; as a Reserve Deputy by Sheriff Norman Hicks in 1996; and was sworn in by Sheriff Mike Kanalakis in 2007 as a full time Deputy Sheriff; over his career he served under seven Monterey County Sheriffs: Bud Cook, Norm Hicks, Gordon Sonne, Mike Kanalakis, Scott Miller, Steve Bernal, and Tina Nieto; and

WHEREAS, Deputy William Hija, began his career in law enforcement as a volunteer Sheriff's Explorer earning the rank of Explorer Captain; he served as an advisor for the Sheriff's Explorer Program, earning much respect and appreciation from the youth and the community he served; and

WHEREAS, Deputy William Hija demonstrated excellent performance during his tour of duty at the Monterey County Sheriff's Office where he held the positions of Explorer, Explorer Advisor, Reserve Deputy, full time Deputy Sheriff; and as a Deputy Probation Officer III while serving at the Monterey County Probation Department; while working for the Sheriff's Office he served in every position on the Board of Directors for the Deputy Sheriff's Association, finishing his career as DSA President; and

WHEREAS, Deputy William Hija held numerous assignments to include Special Enforcement Detail, Motorcycle Deputy, Reserve Coordinator, Team Leader and founder of the Radio Communications Support Team, Crime Scene Investigator, Range Master, Impact Weapons Instructor, Chemical Agents Instructor, TASER Instructor, Defensive Tactics Instructor, and

served on the implementation team for the County's Next Generation Radio System; and

WHEREAS, Deputy William Hija, plans to continue teaching at Hartnell College and wants to enjoy his retirement by teaching and preparing future leaders for a life of public service; and giving back to the community; and

WHEREAS, Deputy William Hija appreciates the opportunity he had to serve his community and live a life of purpose, meaning, and fulfillment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey on behalf of all residents thereof, acknowledges, commends and thanks **Deputy William C. Hija** for his twenty-four and a half years of exemplary public service to the residents of Monterey County, as a valued member of the Monterey County Sheriff's Office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors wishes him success, health and happiness in all his future endeavors and much joy in his well-deserved retirement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2025, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Valeria 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 _____, 2025.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California.

By _____
Deputy