

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt a resolution congratulating **Jeffery Gilles** on receiving the 2026 Monterey County Bar Association's Gibson Award.

WHEREAS, Jeffery Gilles earned a Bachelor of Arts with honors in History from Santa Clara University in 1976, pursued international studies in Vienna, Austria, and received his Juris Doctor from McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific in 1979, including a Certificate of International Jurisprudence in Salzburg, Austria, and further language training at the Monterey Institute of International Studies; and

WHEREAS, Jeffery Gilles was admitted to the State Bar of California in 1979 and to the United States District Courts for all districts of California, and was also licensed as a Real Estate Broker from 1982 to 1994; and

WHEREAS, Jeffery Gilles has had a distinguished legal career spanning decades, serving as Corporate Counsel for Bruce Church, Inc., Corporate Counsel and Vice President for Transworld Agricultural Specialists, Managing Partner of Gilles, Minor & Sullivan, and later as Founding Partner of JRG Attorneys at Law and Managing Partner of Johnson, Rovella, Retterer, Rosenthal and Gilles, LLP; and

WHEREAS, Jeffery Gilles has held significant leadership roles in business and governance, including service on the Board of Directors of TriCal de Sudamérica and Fresh International, Inc. and its affiliated companies, as well as the Investment Advisory Committee for TriCal, Inc; and

WHEREAS, Jeffery Gilles has demonstrated commitment to the legal profession through service as former Chair of the Agricultural Committee of the State Bar of California Business Law Section and membership in multiple bar associations; and

WHEREAS, Jeffery Gilles has provided extensive public and community service, including founding Californians Against Anti-Competitive Practices, serving on the Monterey County Business PAC Board of Directors, supporting Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital, and contributing to numerous civic and charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, Jeffery Gilles has held prominent leadership positions with the National Steinbeck Center, including Chairman of the Board of Trustees and Interim CEO, and was honored as Trustee of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Jeffery Gilles has contributed to professional and public knowledge through published works addressing agricultural law, business practices, and regulatory issues, and has actively supported charitable, political, and community initiatives; and

WHEREAS, every year, the Monterey County Bar Association honors one of its exemplary members with an award that exemplifies the spirit of distinguished community service demonstrated by the late California Supreme Court Chief Justice Phil Sheridan Gibson.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, hereby commends **Jeffery Gilles** on receiving the prestigious 2026 Monterey County Bar Association's Gibson Award, and congratulates **Jeffery Gilles** for his exemplary career in law, his leadership in business and community organizations, and his enduring contributions to the legal profession and public service.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2026, 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 _____, 2026.

Dated:

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

By _____
Deputy