

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt Resolution commending **Commander Ray Tongol**
upon his retirement from twenty-six years of public service
with the Monterey County Sheriff's Office

WHEREAS, Ray Tongol has faithfully served the Monterey County Sheriff's Office and its residents for 26 years with unwavering commitment, professionalism, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ray Tongol began his career as a Deputy Sheriff in the Corrections Operations Bureau before transferring to the Enforcement Operations Bureau as a patrol deputy. He later became a Field Training Officer, mentoring and shaping the careers of countless new deputies by instilling in them core values, tactical skills, and the professionalism required to serve with excellence; and

WHEREAS, Ray Tongol served on the Search and Rescue Team and contributed to regional anti-crime initiatives as part of the Monterey County Joint Gang Task Force and FBI Safe Streets Task Force, where he worked diligently to combat gang violence and enhance community safety; and

WHEREAS, Ray Tongol has earned numerous honors—including the Medal of Valor, Peace Officer of the Year from the Monterey County Peace Officers Association and the Monterey County Sheriff's Office, the Life Saving Award from the Watsonville Police Department, and recognition from the California State Senate and Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Ray Tongol was promoted to Sergeant and later Commander in the Corrections Operations Bureau, overseeing Jail Operations, the Classification Unit, Court Services, and the Transportation Unit. He led the jail expansion team and worked closely with federal monitors to promote the health and safety of both incarcerated individuals and staff; and

WHEREAS, in the Enforcement Operations Bureau, Ray Tongol served as Station Commander and later led the Community Services Division, managing specialized units and major events such as the AT&T Pro-Am, the U.S. Women's Open at Pebble Beach, Car Week, various racing events, and the Sea Otter Classic at Laguna Seca, as well as emergency responses to the Dolan Fire in Big Sur and the Vistra Fire in Moss Landing; and

WHEREAS, Ray Tongol later headed the Professional Standards and Training Division in the Administration Operations Bureau, managing Internal Affairs, revising departmental procedures and policies, overseeing recruitment and training, and ensuring POST and STC compliance; and

WHEREAS, Ray Tongol demonstrated exceptional commitment to professional development by graduating from the prestigious FBI National Academy, Session 289, further enhancing his leadership, operational expertise, and interagency collaboration on a national level; and

WHEREAS, Ray Tongol has exemplified the highest traditions of law enforcement, earning widespread admiration from colleagues, partner agencies, and the community.

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 **Commander Ray Tongol** for his twenty-six 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, and a fulfilling, healthy, and rewarding retirement alongside his wife Jeraldine, his daughters Ashley, Alicia, and Allison, and his many family members and friends.

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