

**RESOLUTION HONORING
RON FAIRBANKS, THE LOMPOC VALLEY
MAN OF THE YEAR FOR 2016**

WHEREAS, Ronald “Ron” Fairbanks was born and raised in Lompoc and remained a lifelong resident in the Lompoc Valley, and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Fairbanks served his country as a US Navy SeaBee from 1962-1966, where he learned the construction trades – specifically plumbing, heating and cooling and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Fairbanks built and sold two successful businesses, both of which continue to thrive in Lompoc and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Fairbanks was appointed as a trustee to the Lompoc Cemetery District Board in 1987 and became the Board Chairman in 1994, serving as Chairman for over 20 years. He led the development of the District’s niche wall project and played a large part in the creation of the central service site and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Fairbanks loved the ocean and was affectionately known as “Captain Ron.” He was an avid diver and fisherman, often taking friends and family out in local waters and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Fairbanks offered his time and the use of his boat at no charge to grieving families to have a loved one’s ashes sprinkled at sea and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Fairbanks was always available to help a person in need with advice or a hand, dropping his own work in favor of helping someone and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Fairbanks generously donated sunset cruises year after year to local causes, including Empty Bowls, the Lompoc Hospital Foundation and Lompoc Valley in Bloom and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Fairbanks was a devoted husband and father of two, and instilled in his children the drive to contribute generously to their communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors recognizes the extraordinary achievements and contributions of **RON FAIRBANKS** as the *Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce* honors him as **Lompoc Valley Man of the Year for 2016**.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 20th day of July 2016 by unanimous vote of all members present.