

Santa Barbara County of

RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF FRANK J. FROST JR.

WHEREAS, Frank J. Frost Jr. was born on December 3, 1929, in Washington, D.C., and lived a remarkable ninety-six years defined by intellectual curiosity, creative expression, public service, and deep devotion to family and community; and

WHEREAS, Frank demonstrated exceptional brilliance and moral conviction from a young age, entering college at sixteen and later choosing to enlist in the United States Army at eighteen, where he served honorably during the Korean War, including frontline duty and service connected to atomic testing—experiences that profoundly shaped his lifelong commitment to civic responsibility and ethical leadership; and

WHEREAS, after settling in Santa Barbara, Frank enriched the cultural life of the community as a gifted jazz pianist, supporting his young family through music and continuing to perform locally for decades, becoming a cherished and familiar presence whose artistry endured until just months before his passing; and

WHEREAS, Frank pursued academic excellence with equal passion, earning a Ph.D. from UCLA while mastering multiple languages, teaching at institutions including the University of California, Riverside; Hunter College; and Princeton University, and ultimately fulfilling his dream of joining the faculty at the University of California, Santa Barbara, where his wide-ranging scholarship encompassed classical studies, underwater archaeology, and fiction; and

WHEREAS, Frank brought his intellect, integrity, and independent spirit into public life as an elected Santa Barbara County First District Supervisor from 1972 to 1976, championing pioneering environmental protection and managed-growth policies that continue to shape the region today, and living his values fully, often found engaging directly with the landscapes and communities he worked to preserve, including the beloved coastline of More Mesa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara extends our deepest condolences to his beloved wife Amanda “Mandy” Clark, his children Frank J. Frost III and Victoria Rufina Frost, the memory of his daughter Esmé Eugenia Frost, his grandchildren Jacqueline, Nicholas, Kristin, Alexandra, and Jared, and to his great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren, as well as to all whose lives were enriched by knowing him.

PASSED and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 3rd day of February 2026.



Mona Miyasato
ATTEST: Clerk of the Board

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