

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF OWEN BAILEY

WHEREAS, Owen Bailey served as the Environmental Defense Center's executive director for nine years; and

WHEREAS, Owen was raised in rural Connecticut, surrounded by forest. He graduated from the University of Connecticut, where he met his wife, Laurie;

WHEREAS, after years of travel, he and his wife settled in Los Angeles, where Owen realized he most wanted to make a difference through advocacy. He started as a volunteer with the Sierra Club, and before he left, he was the Southwest Advancement Director; and

WHEREAS, Owen moved to Santa Barbara to become EDC's executive director in 2013. He was recruited due to his work to protect Oceano Dunes and Hearst Ranch and to defeat a proposed liquid natural gas project off-shore Oxnard. He brought the same passion and skill to EDC; and

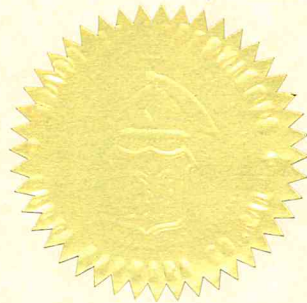
WHEREAS, Owen immersed himself in our community and was beloved by all who met him. He listened, he offered support, and he taught us how to be effective advocates. His integrity was unparalleled, and when Owen spoke, you believed; and

WHEREAS, Owen Bailey passed away on June 24 in his home after a long battle with cancer. Owen is survived by wife Laurie, children Benjamin, and Nicola, and by his brothers, Martin, Hugh, and David; and his parents, Patricia Palmer and David O. Bailey; and


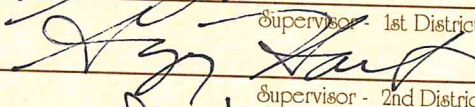
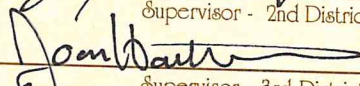
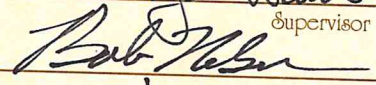
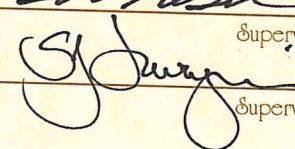
WHEREAS, Our community will be forever grateful for the time we had with Owen.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors honors the memory of Owen Bailey.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 16th day of August 2022 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: 
Clerk of the Board


Supervisor - 1st District

Supervisor - 2nd District

Supervisor - 3rd District

Supervisor - 4th District

Supervisor - 5th District