

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA ALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION HONORING THE CITY OF GOLETA FOR ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF INCORPORATION

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2001, the electorate of Goleta voted for Measure H approving the incorporation of the City of Goleta and on February 1, 2002, the City of Goleta was incorporated as a general law city of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the City of Goleta is home to 32,752 residents and a thriving high-tech and business community. In its first 20 years as a City and with dedicated civic leadership, Goleta has been the fortunate recipient of several prestigious awards and acknowledgements and continues to demonstrate leadership through a multitude of projects and initiatives thereby improving the quality of life for the residents of Goleta and beyond; and

WHEREAS, in its first decade of incorporation, the City laid a solid groundwork for delivering basic government services, and in the last decade has initiated a range of innovative programs and municipal services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Goleta has been a leader in delivering health and human services through the establishment of a Public Engagement Commission; hiring of bi-lingual and bi-cultural neighborhood engagement specialists; adoption of a citywide Diversity, Equity and Inclusion initiative; establishment of its own library zone; and adoption of a Homeless Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Goleta has improved the lived environment though public works, and parks and recreation activities including: establishment of a Parks and Recreation Commission; completion of a Parks Master Plan; opening of the Jonny D. Wallis Neighborhood Park, which was designed through an extensive public engagement process; adoption of the Ellwood Mesa/Sperling Preserve Open Space Monarch Butterfly Habitat Management Plan; completion of the San Jose Creek Flood Capacity and Fish Passage Project; and many impressive bike and pedestrian improvements citywide; and

WHEREAS, the City of Goleta has been a leader in sustainability and environmental stewardship by adopting a Historic Preservation Ordinance; adopting a Strategic Energy Plan; joining the Central Coast Community Energy consortium to deliver carbon-free electricity; and establishing a Go Green Goleta program to offer residents energy efficiency and water conservation resources: and

WHEREAS, the City of Goleta has been a leader in economic development and job creation through innovative programs like the Goleta Entrepreneurial Magnet (GEM) in partnership with UC Santa Barbara and the Chamber of Commerce to support the growth of high tech businesses and technology entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Goleta continues to be ranked as one of the safest small cities in California and every day the City lives up to its moniker, "The Goodland".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County does hereby honor and commend the City of Goleta and its leaders for their service to our community on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of incorporation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 1st day of February, 2022 by a unanimous vote of all members present.

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