

Resolution

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION NUMBER 20-21-52

Recognizing and Honoring

CITY OF SOLEDAD

Celebrating 100 Years

WHEREAS, incorporated by the State of California on March 9, 1921, the **CITY OF SOLEDAD** is celebrating 100 Years with a proud history and strong legacy in Monterey County; and

WHEREAS, with efforts led by a Centennial Committee, **CITY OF SOLEDAD** leaders, organizations and residents began celebratory festivities on Tuesday, March 9th, 2021 with fun and creative community activities that included a cake contest, grab-and-go desserts, a parade featuring multiple grand marshals that included pioneer families and hall of famers, and a grand finale display of fireworks; and

WHEREAS, with plans to celebrate all year long, the **CITY OF SOLEDAD** is currently showcasing, with the help from the Soledad Youth Council through video displays, artwork from students of all grade levels, as well as community Throwback Thursday photos highlighted on social media; and

WHEREAS, branded as the Gateway to the Pinnacles National Park, the **CITY OF SOLEDAD** is at the center of the Salinas Valley with the beautiful Santa Lucia Mountains to the West, the stunning Gabilan Mountains to the East, and home to rows of crops supporting this booming agricultural and wine grapes community; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, the **CITY OF SOLEDAD** was named one of the Top 10 Safest Cities in California by the National Council for Home Safety and Security and was previously named one of Wine Enthusiast Magazine's top ten best wine travel destinations in the world; and

WHEREAS, the original community of Soledad was established as a Soledad Mission on October 9, 1791 and is home to the renowned Spanish Mission Nuestra Señora de la Soledad, also known as "Our Lady of Solitude" Mission, as well as the Los Coches Adobe that was once a popular stage coach stop for travelers; and

WHEREAS, with a motto of *It's Happening in Soledad*, the **CITY OF SOLEDAD** is a deep-rooted, family-oriented, small town community made up of ethnically and socioeconomically diverse groups of people who help to define the character of the community through a strong work ethic and a commitment to families and neighbors; and


WHEREAS, supporting the educational needs of students, the City's unique partnership with the Soledad Unified School District and the new Hartnell Community College campus connects with families and embraces the small town values of the **CITY OF SOLEDAD** to provide dynamic educational systems with quality learning experiences and growth opportunities for Soledad students:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Education does hereby present Resolution Number 20-21-52 to congratulate city leaders, businesses and residents who pay tribute to Soledad's history, work to advance its future and continue to make the **CITY OF SOLEDAD** an amazing place to live, work and visit.

Passed and Adopted on the Fourteenth Day of April, 2021




Ron Panziera, President



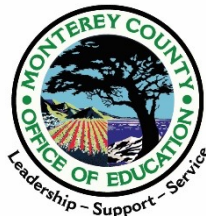
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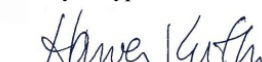


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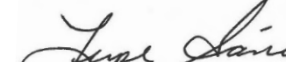





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