

# Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

## HONORING JOHN AND KAREN HIBBLE, APTOS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

WHEREAS, John and Karen Hibble, sharing in their interests and collectively advocating for the common good, have been devotedly married for many years, and are the proud parents of Anna and Adam and loving grandparents to Maya; and

WHEREAS, John and Karen have always been champions for Aptos, becoming the Directors of the Aptos Chamber of Commerce in 1985, and founders of what would become the Aptos History Museum shortly thereafter; and

WHEREAS, each of these foundations, on their own, are admirable and respected pillars within our community that provide bountiful resources for our residents; and

WHEREAS, the Aptos History Museum invites local third grade history classes to engage in, and learn about, our rich cultural heritage that includes enriching tales of Claus Spreckels who is better known as the "Sugar King," the lumber harvesting which helped rebuild San Francisco following the earthquake of 1906, and the diverse waves of immigrants who made endless contributions to our rich agricultural history; and

WHEREAS, the "Hibbles", as John and Karen are now commonly known, have helped foster relationships and partnerships which have strengthened the ties in our prosperous and diversified Second District; and

WHEREAS, the Aptos Chamber of Commerce, led by John and Karen's work, have organized the "World's Shortest" Parade, which is now in its 63<sup>rd</sup> year; and

WHEREAS, John and Karen embody what is best of Aptos and Santa Cruz County, dedicating hundreds of hours every year for community benefit and in many ways are the unofficial Mayors of Aptos.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Zach Friend, Santa Cruz County Second District Supervisor, express my heartfelt appreciation and encourage all members of our community to join me in showing our support for this incredible couple who have continued to partner with endless entities to ensure a flourishing and inclusive community.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Zach Friend", is written over a horizontal line.

*Member, Board of Supervisors*

December 18, 2024

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