

# Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

## HONORING SARAH RYAN AS THE CITY OF CAPITOLA POLICE CHIEF

WHEREAS, Sarah Ryan, a native of Santa Cruz County, graduated from San Lorenzo Valley High School and pursued a bachelor's degree in Social Work from San Jose State University where she built her skillset around public service and continued her studies with a master's degree in Law Enforcement and Public Safety Leadership from the University of San Diego where she graduated among the top of her class; and

WHEREAS, Sarah has dedicated more than two decades to public safety, beginning her public service career in 2005 as a community service officer and moving on to serve in high-profile roles including as a Detective with the County gang task force team; and

WHEREAS, Sarah continued to advance her career and was promoted to the position of Captain in 2021, overseeing the operations and administrative functions for the City of Capitola Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Sarah is the first woman to serve as a Police Chief in Santa Cruz County and is the highest-ranking female officer in Capitola's history; and

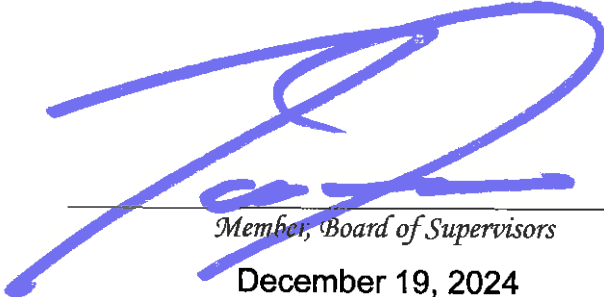
WHEREAS, Chief Ryan has consistently made herself available as a mentor, friend and community leader, exemplifying a compassion and caring for the community that is unmatched while always looking for ways that she can uplift and support others; and

WHEREAS, Chief Ryan has volunteered hundreds of hours to local causes, and she has demonstrated her commitment to protecting and improving our community through strong relationships and trust; and

WHEREAS, Chief Ryan will bring great dedication, courage, and selfless resolve to protect and serve our local residents as she has done countless times throughout her career while serving as a role model for future generations of law enforcement leaders.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Zach Friend, Santa Cruz County Second District Supervisor, express heartfelt appreciation for the well-deserved appointment of Sarah Ryan to Chief of Police for the City of Capitola and encourage all members of our community to join me in showing our support for this remarkable local leader.



  
Member, Board of Supervisors

December 19, 2024

Date