

# Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

## HONORING SANDRA SHEPHERD WALLACE AS THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT PERSON OF DISTINCTION

WHEREAS, Sandra Shepherd Wallace, a longtime resident of Capitola, has dedicated her life to the service of others, exemplifying compassion, equity, and education through decades of leadership and volunteerism across Santa Cruz County; and

WHEREAS, as Founder and Secretary of the For Kids Foundation Monterey Bay, Sandra built a financial safety net for vulnerable children, removing barriers and funding essential needs such as medical equipment, tutoring, and access support when no other help was available; and

WHEREAS, after marrying Earl "Corky" Wallace in 1958, Sandra proudly served 20 years as a Navy wife and mother, with both sons later serving in the U.S. Navy; and

WHEREAS, Sandra worked for two decades as a school secretary in the San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District, supporting staff, comforting students, and serving as the heart of her school communities; and

WHEREAS, she served over a decade on the Soquel Union Elementary School District Board of Trustees, including multiple terms as Board President, where she led with integrity through complex educational challenges; and

WHEREAS, during her board tenure, the district adopted one of the region's first climate change resolutions, recognizing environmental stewardship as a children's issue and core educational value; and

WHEREAS, Sandra continues her service through the Capitola-Aptos Rotary Club and St. John's Episcopal Church in Aptos, where her faith and volunteerism enrich outreach and fellowship programs that uplift the community; and

WHEREAS, Sandra Shepherd Wallace has earned the deep respect and gratitude of her peers, neighbors, and local leaders for her selfless work, tireless energy, and boundless heart.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kimberly De Serpa, Santa Cruz County Second District Supervisor, do hereby recognize Sandra Shepherd Wallace as the Second District's Person of Distinction, and express profound appreciation for her extraordinary contributions to the children, families, and future of our community.



  
Member, Board of Supervisors

May 12, 2025

Date