



MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS REPORT
MARCH 19, 2024

1.0 PROCLAMATIONS

--Hunger Fighter of the Year

Ray Mosier

Richard Crowe

March 7, 2024

--Lowrider Day

March 10, 2024



Proclamation
Ray Mosier
Hunger Fighter of the Year
March 7, 2024

WHEREAS, Ray has volunteered in his community for over 22 years with dedication, honor, and an ethical mindset; and

WHEREAS, Ray has always approached his service with positivity and an uplifting attitude; and

WHEREAS, Ray has endeavored to support his fellow volunteers and food-insecure neighbors alike while providing reliable service for his community; and

WHEREAS, Ray is a member of a team that provides food for up to 50 food-insecure individuals in Santa Cruz County on a weekly basis, and has gone above and beyond with his dedication; and

WHEREAS, Ray works year round to ensure the County's residents have food, rain or shine; and

WHEREAS, Ray is an inspiration with his enthusiasm and continued commitment to fighting hunger and food insecurity with a forward facing eagerness, joy, and love.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Vanessa Quiroz-Carter, Mayor of the City of Watsonville, in the State of California, on behalf of the City Council hereby recognize Ray Mosier on being named Second Harvest Food Bank Santa Cruz County's 2024 Hunger Fighter of the Year and recognize his extraordinary contributions to the nutrition and health of his community.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Watsonville to be affixed this 7th day of March, Two thousand and twenty-four.



Vanessa Quiroz-Carter, Mayor



P roclamation
Richard Crowe
Hunger Fighter of the Year
March 7, 2024

WHEREAS, Richard has served to uplift his community for over 21 years with dedication and honor through St. Francis Catholic Kitchen; and

WHEREAS, Richard has endeavored to create and provide a clean, warm, safe, and welcoming environment where guests can eat peacefully; and

WHEREAS, Richard has built a team of volunteers that cook meals for 100 guests weekly, with over 20,000 meals provided to unhoused residents each year; and

WHEREAS, Richard ensures that each meal is both nutritious and served with dignity; and

WHEREAS, Richard extends worth and value to his guests, not only through meals served but through opportunities for personal hygiene for Santa Cruz County's unhoused residents; and

WHEREAS, Richard strives to uplift his volunteer staff of 80 and provide healthy, rounded meals for food-insecure community members; and

WHEREAS, Richard is an inspiration with his dedication and continued commitment to fighting hunger and food insecurity with integrity, respect, and thoughtfulness.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Vanessa Quiroz-Carter, Mayor of the City of Watsonville, in the State of California, on behalf of the City Council hereby recognize Richard Crowe on being named Second Harvest Food Bank Santa Cruz County's 2024 Hunger Fighter of the Year and recognize his extraordinary contributions to the nutrition and health of his community.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Watsonville to be affixed this 7th day of March, Two thousand and twenty-four.

Vanessa Quiroz-Carter, Mayor



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Lowrider Day

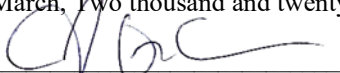
March 10, 2024

- WHEREAS,** lowriding is a powerful expression of the creative spirit in the form of art on wheels, and has been a source of pride for generations of California’s Chicano and Mexican-American families as a symbol of cultural affirmation, self-expression, ingenuity, and resistance; and
- WHEREAS,** since the 1940s, youth were harassed, ticketed, and fined for gathering in their cars and cruising, however on January 1, 2024, California lifted the ban on cruising after major advocacy by lowriders across the State; and
- WHEREAS,** in honor of this art form, the Watsonville Film Festival invited local lowriders to participate in a series of programs this year, including an exhibit “More Than Cars: Celebrating Lowrider Culture” at the Pajaro Valley Arts Porter Building; and
- WHEREAS,** the exhibit uplifts and celebrates the rich history and vitality of the lowriding community by centering the contributions of the Watsonville Riders, Watsonville Impalas, Family First, Killer Klowns, and Classic Memories Car Clubs, as well as women and solo lowriders and artists; and
- WHEREAS,** the landmark film “La Mission,” which inspired the exhibit, was selected to be honored at the 12th Annual Watsonville Festival, with Director Peter Bratt, San Francisco Lowriders Council President Roberto Hernandez, and renowned scholar and film producer on lowrider culture Dr. Alberto Lopez Pulido discussing lowrider culture and its contributions; and
- WHEREAS,** Watsonville lowrider clubs have a tradition of volunteering to those in need, organizing events to support farmworkers during the pandemic, victims of the Santa Cruz CZU fires, and those affected by the flooding in Pajaro, as well as organizing food and toy drives and regularly participating in the 4th of July parades; and
- WHEREAS,** by shining a spotlight on community members, artists, and underrepresented voices to share their creativity and lived experiences, we are weaving a new and vibrant tapestry of California’s diverse history; and
- WHEREAS,** empowering the same community to tell its own stories, and to document and share those narratives is at the core of Watsonville Film Festival’s mission and legacy for the past 12 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Vanessa Quiroz-Carter, Mayor of the City of Watsonville, in the State of California, on behalf of the City Council hereby recognize March 10, 2024 as Lowrider Day in our City and invite all residents to learn experience the beauty of culture, family and community, and the power of the shared history of the Lowriders.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Watsonville to be affixed this 10th day of March, Two thousand and twenty-four.


Vanessa Quiroz-Carter, Mayor