



MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS REPORT **NOVEMBER 12, 2024**

1.0 PROCLAMATIONS

- Pajaro Valley Shelter Services
October 24, 2024



P *roclamation* ***Pajaro Valley Shelter Services 40th Anniversary October 24, 2024***

- WHEREAS,** Pajaro Valley Shelter Services is celebrating its fortieth anniversary and it is appropriate at this time for the City of Watsonville to highlight its many achievements and underscore the positive impact it has made for families in the Pajaro Valley; and
- WHEREAS,** Pajaro Valley Shelter Services opened its doors at 27 Sudden Street on October 31, 1983, after a yearlong effort to raise funds for a shelter by a committee of ecumenical organizations and spearheaded by Sister Marie Veronica Wagner, and in May 1984 the organization achieved nonprofit status, changing its name to Pajaro Valley Shelter Services; and
- WHEREAS,** since its inception, Pajaro Valley Shelter Services has aspired to lift families out of poverty and into self-sufficiency, and this vision is grounded in the belief that every family has the potential to achieve self-sufficiency, contributing to a stronger more vibrant community; and
- WHEREAS,** Pajaro Valley Shelter Services recognizes that through supportive case management, emotional support and counseling, and financial education, families experiencing homelessness will develop the skills and attitudes necessary to gain emotional, financial and housing stability; and
- WHEREAS,** over the years Pajaro Valley Shelter Services has made many strides and expanded its program to not only provide emergency shelter for homeless women and children but also transitional housing and long-term housing for homeless families and as such, has helped countless families create hopeful futures; and
- WHEREAS,** in its fortieth year, Pajaro Valley Shelter Services looks back with pride and forward with hope, recognizing its generational impact yet knowing their work continues until every family has the foundational skills necessary for emotional, financial and housing stability.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Vanessa Quiroz-Carter, Mayor of the City of Watsonville, in the State of California, on behalf of the City Council hereby commemorate and celebrate the fortieth anniversary of Pajaro Valley Shelter Services, acknowledging its invaluable contributions to the women, children, and families in the Pajaro Valley.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Watsonville to be affixed this 24th day of October, Two thousand and twenty-four.



Vanessa Quiroz-Carter, Mayor