



P roclamation *Rocky & Ru Patel* *May 11, 2021*

WHEREAS, the Rocky and Ru Patel have been part of Watsonville's business community for the past 19 years; and

WHEREAS, the first business the Patels opened in town was Rocky's Ice Cream Café, selling milkshakes, espressos, ice cream, sandwiches and soups; and

WHEREAS, a year later, the Café was converted into the Baskin Robbins they are still operating to this day; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 the Patels opened Mr. Z's Crêpes & Teas, located on Aviation Way; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic began a mere four months after Mr.Z's opened, leaving the Patels, like many other local businesses, concerned about what was to come; and

WHEREAS, the community's response to Mr.Z's menu was so positive that the Patels were able to open a location in Aptos; and

WHEREAS, the Patels support various organizations, including Watsonville's PAL and Parks & Community Services, as well as schools with both donations and volunteer time.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jimmy Dutra, Mayor of the City of Watsonville, in the State of California, on behalf of the City Council hereby recognize Rocky and Ru Patel for their many delicious contributions to the local gastronomy as well as their commitment to the community, with wishes for many more successful years to come.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Watsonville to be affixed this 11th day of May, Two thousand and twenty one.

Jimmy Dutra, Mayor

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