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Proclamation


C.A.R. Day of Service

April 5, 2026

- WHEREAS,** the National Society of the Children of the American Revolution (N.S.C.A.R) is the nation's oldest and largest patriotic youth organization, founded April 5, 1895; and
- WHEREAS,** the N.S.C.A.R. focuses on patriotism, service and education about our American heritage; and
- WHEREAS,** the local society, N.S.C.A.R. is active in our local community promoting this vision to the residents of our City and surrounding community; and
- WHEREAS,** the local society is dedicated to helping the youth in our community thru the Kids Helping Kids program committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kristal Salcido, Mayor of the City of Watsonville, in the State of California, on behalf of the City Council hereby recognize C.A.R. Day of Service and commend them for their important work.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Watsonville to be affixed this 5th day of April, Two thousand and twenty-six.



Kristal Salcido, Mayor





Proclamation

K&D Landscaping Outstanding Large Business of the Year April 9, 2026

WHEREAS, founded in 1986 as a humble, small family operation, K&D Landscaping has grown into a \$20 million regional leader without losing its core values; and

WHEREAS, driven by deep local roots, K&D Landscaping launched its Community Beautification Projects in 2016 to give back to the region that built them; and

WHEREAS, since then, they have beautified over 35 nonprofits, investing more than \$200,000 last year alone to ensure the community thrives; and

WHEREAS, K&D Landscaping is redefining the industry with California's first Level 5 autonomous commercial fleet and 100% electric handheld tools; and

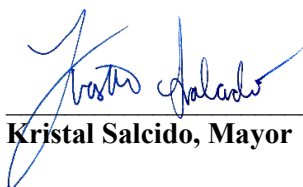
WHEREAS, amidst this rapid technological advancement, K&D Landscaping fiercely protects a supportive, people-first company culture, allowing them to sustain an 85% employee retention rate; and

WHEREAS, looking ahead, K&D Landscaping is expanding toward the Bay Area and San Luis Obispo County with a vision to become a \$1 billion company by 2035; and

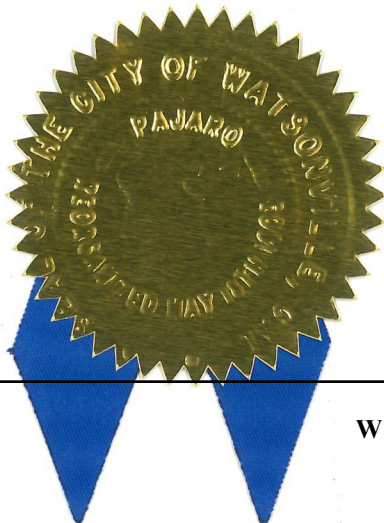
WHEREAS, as they build a path to a \$100,000 minimum salary for their team, the ultimate mission of K&D Landscaping remains clear: to raise the bar in landscaping.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kristal Salcido, Mayor of the City of Watsonville, in the State of California, on behalf of the City Council hereby congratulate K&D Landscaping for receiving the Outstanding Large Business of the Year Award from the Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Watsonville to be affixed this 9th day of April, Two thousand and twenty-six.



Kristal Salcido, Mayor



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Proclamation

Manny Escarcega *West Coast Community Bank* *Ambassador of the Year* *April 9, 2026*

- WHEREAS,** Manny Escarcega has proudly served as a Chamber Ambassador for over four years, representing the organizations he's been part of with professionalism and heart; and
- WHEREAS,** with over 20 years in banking, currently with West Coast Community Bank as a Treasury Management Advisor and previously a Branch Manager with Bay Federal Credit Union, Manny brings strong financial expertise and a relationship-focused approach to his role; and
- WHEREAS,** Manny is a consistent presence at mixers, ribbon cuttings, signature events, and volunteer initiatives, always supporting members and Chambers efforts; and
- WHEREAS,** Manny recently served as Co-Chair of the Chamber Foundation's Children's Shopping Tour, helping lead one of the Chamber's most impactful community programs; and
- WHEREAS,** his leadership, organization, and dedication were instrumental in creating a meaningful experience for local children and families; and
- WHEREAS,** Manny supports his family's restaurant, Tacos Al Fuego, reflecting his passion for small business and local entrepreneurship; and
- WHEREAS,** a devoted family man, Manny is a proud father of four children, ages 4, 10, 11, and 25, and shares his life with his fiancée Evelyn; and
- WHEREAS,** Manny exemplifies the spirit of ambassadorship, engaged, dependable, and always willing to serve and step forward.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kristal Salcido, Mayor of the City of Watsonville, in the State of California, on behalf of the City Council hereby congratulate Manny Escarcega for receiving the Ambassador of the Year Award from the Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Watsonville to be affixed this 9th day of April, Two thousand and twenty-six.

Kristal Salcido, Mayor



WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA




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Erica Padilla-Chavez 2026 Strong, Smart, and Bold Award April 11, 2026

- WHEREAS,** Erica Padilla-Chavez, a proud Watsonville native, graduated from Watsonville High School and was the first in her family to attend college, earning her Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from University of California Berkely and later receiving her Master's in Public Administration from Golden State University in San Francisco; and
- WHEREAS,** Erica has dedicated her career to advancing health and wellness for all, with over two decades of experience in the health and human services field; and
- WHEREAS,** her career spans diverse administrative roles, and most notably, Erica served as CEO of Pajaro Valley Prevention & Student Assistance, Inc., where she spearheaded the development of a cutting edge integrated behavioral health facility, providing vital services to children, youth, and families; and
- WHEREAS,** in July 2022, Erica became CEO of Second Harvest Food Bank Santa Cruz County, making her only the second leader in the organization's history; and
- WHEREAS,** Erica is committed to ending food insecurity in the community through a collaborative approach that unites private, public, and community centered partnerships; and
- WHEREAS,** in her brief tenure, Erica has launched the Healthy Food Box Program, a Medi-Cal reimbursable service under the State's CalAIM initiative, established an on-site pantry at a community hospital, and created closed-loop referral systems with all federally qualified health clinics in the county; and
- WHEREAS,** Erica serves on Dominican Hospital's Community Board, the California Association of Food Banks Board, as a Task Force member in Feeding America's Health Care Partnership, and is a founding member of the RISE Together Santa Cruz County Race Equity Initiative; and
- WHEREAS,** Erica is married to Alejandro Chavez, a UCSC alum, and they share two children, Emileo and Maya, who were both born in Santa Cruz.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kristal Salcido, Mayor of the City of Watsonville, in the State of California, on behalf of the City Council hereby congratulate Erica Padilla-Chavez for receiving the 2026 Strong, Smart, and Bold Award from Girls Inc.

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 April, Two thousand and twenty-six.



Kristal Salcido, Mayor

