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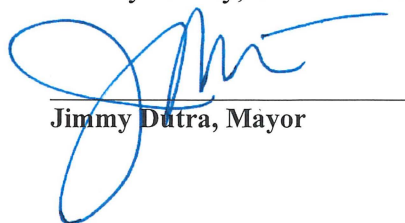
Jen Salinas- Holz

May 28, 2021

- WHEREAS,** Jen has been involved in community activism for over 25 years, spending the past six advocating for LGBTQIA+ youth in Watsonville; and
- WHEREAS,** as part of her job with Pajaro Valley Unified School District, Jen advises four elementary and middle school Gay- Straight Alliance clubs; and
- WHEREAS,** additionally, Jen serves on the District's LGBTQIA+ Task Force, working to ensure a safe and welcoming environment for students, families and staff; and
- WHEREAS,** Jen was instrumental in advocating for PVUSD to fly the rainbow Pride flag at all school sites and buildings, beginning with Harvey Milk Day this month; and
- WHEREAS,** Jen also collaborates with TransFamilies of Santa Cruz and the County's Safe Schools Project to organize and present free annual Understanding Gender summits for local parents and educators; and
- WHEREAS,** as a member of the LGBTQIA+ community, a parent of two PVUSD students and a Watsonville resident, Jen is dedicated to providing education regarding LGBTQIA+ issues and support for LGBTQIA+ youth; and
- WHEREAS,** Jen was awarded the Santa Cruz County Ally to Queer Youth Award in 2019 and the PVUSD Innovator of the Year Award in 2020; and
- WHEREAS,** Jen strives to live according to her favorite quote, by Maya Angelou, which invites us all to "develop enough courage so that you can stand up for yourself and then stand up for somebody else."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jimmy Dutra, Mayor of the City of Watsonville, in the State of California, on behalf of the City Council hereby recognize Jen Salinas- Holz for her work with LGBTQIA+ youth, and her continuous efforts to ensure every PVUSD student receives equal opportunities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Watsonville to be affixed this 28th day of May, Two thousand and twenty one.


Jimmy Dutra, Mayor



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