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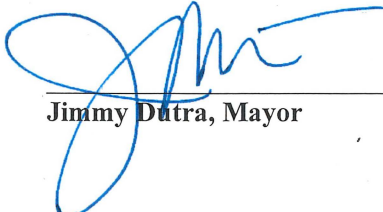
Queer Youth Leadership Awards

May 28, 2021

- WHEREAS,** Queer Youth Leadership Awards, known as QYLA, is a program of the Queer Youth Task Force of Santa Cruz County that was born out of a desire to increase queer youth's visibility; and
- WHEREAS,** QYLA's mission is to improve the lives of LGBTQIA+ youth and help create safe home, school and community environments; and
- WHEREAS,** the QYLA Ceremony and Banquet has been held every spring since 1998 at rotating locations around the County to celebrate LGBTQIA+ youth and allies, and recognize volunteers and judges; and
- WHEREAS,** QYLA currently presents three annual awards to outstanding citizens and organizations; and
- WHEREAS,** the Queer Youth Leadership Award is given to youth between the ages of 12 and 18 who, at such a short age, are already contributing to the community and are undoubtedly the leaders of the future; and
- WHEREAS,** the Ally to Queer Youth recognizes individuals who actively work to create supportive spaces, such as support groups, and counter oppression; and
- WHEREAS,** the Organizational Ally to Queer Youth is presented to organizations who serve queer youth in the County and strive to improve their lives in tangible ways; and
- WHEREAS,** QYLA is proud to work with students, parents, teachers, elected officials and community members at large to help highlight and honor the hard work and achievements of queer and trans youth; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jimmy Dutra, Mayor of the City of Watsonville, in the State of California, on behalf of the City Council hereby recognize Queer Youth Leadership Awards for their continuous efforts to spotlight outstanding queer youth and for their ongoing work to better the lives of all LGBTQIA+ persons.

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

WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA

