

MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS REPORT OCTOBER 26, 2021

1.0 **PROCLAMATIONS**

- -- National Coming Out Day Alianza Charter School Lakeview Middle School Pajaro Middle School Pajaro Valley High School Rolling Hills Middle School Watsonville Charter School of the Arts Watsonville High School October 11, 2021
- --National Disability Employment Awareness Month Mural Dedication October 16, 2021
- --Sunset Grown Mastronardi Produce Ltd. 2021 Food Donor of the Year October 18, 2021



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- **WHEREAS,** National Coming Out Day has been life-changing for many in the LGBTQIA+ community, aiding them in living as the most authentic version of themselves; and
- WHEREAS, many of our local schools are proud supporters of the LGBTQIA+ community; and
- WHEREAS, Alianza Charter School's Queer Straight Alliance club was started in 2015 for 7th and 8th grade students; and
- WHEREAS, during the 2016-17 school year, they collaborated with Watsonville Charter School of the Arts, who did not yet have its own QSA club, on a poster-making workshop; and
- WHEREAS, in 2017, the club received the Organizational Ally to Queer Youth Award from Santa Cruz County Queer Youth Leadership Awards; and
- **WHEREAS,** the club has recently expanded to include 6th graders, with plans to start one for 4th and 5th graders as well.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jimmy Dutra, Mayor of the City of Watsonville, in the State of California, on behalf of the City Council hereby recognize October 11, 2021 as National Coming Out Day and congratulate Alianza Charter School for their efforts to continually create a supportive space for LGBTQIA+ students and allies.



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- WHEREAS, Lakeview Middle School's Queer Straight Alliance was started in March of 2016, and has a consistent, active membership of about 30 students; and
- WHEREAS, they helped organize and host the Spring 2019 Queer, Trans, and Allied Student Summit, being the first middle school to do so; and
- WHEREAS, all members strive to educate their peers and teachers by making posters and buttons and doing presentations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jimmy Dutra, Mayor of the City of Watsonville, in the State of California, on behalf of the City Council hereby recognize October 11, 2021 as National Coming Out Day and congratulate Lakeview Middle School QSA for their efforts in creating a safer and more inclusive environment for LGBTQIA+ students and their allies.



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- WHEREAS, many of our local schools are proud supporters of the LGBTQIA+ community; and
- WHEREAS, Pájaro Middle School's GSA club is now going on its fourth year, having been active since 2018; and
- WHEREAS, in the first year, the club had over 25 active members, making it the largest in the County, and it has since then maintained a solid core of students; and
- **WHEREAS,** the club seeks to serve as a safe space for students to be themselves and learn about diversity among their peers where all are welcome; and
- WHEREAS, the club is involved with various activities such as discussions, school spirit days, art projects, and summits among others.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jimmy Dutra, Mayor of the City of Watsonville, in the State of California, on behalf of the City Council hereby recognize October 11, 2021 as National Coming Out Day and congratulate Pajaro Middle School for continuously advocating for LGBTQIA+ and ally youth in various ways.



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- many of our local schools are proud supporters of the LGBTQIA+ community; and WHEREAS,
- Pajaro Valley High is one of those schools, whose Gay-Straight Alliance club has been active WHEREAS, since the school's opening in 2004; and
- WHEREAS, the club has anywhere from 10 to 30 members each year, and holds club rush activities to increase awareness and welcome all to join.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jimmy Dutra, Mayor of the City of Watsonville, in the State of California, on behalf of the City Council hereby recognize October 11, 2021 as National Coming Out Day and congratulate Pajaro Valley High School for their efforts to ensure inclusivity and visibility for the LGBTQIA+ youth in the community.



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- WHEREAS, many of our local schools are proud supporters of the LGBTQIA+ community; and
- **WHEREAS,** Rolling Hills Middle School's GSA club has been active for approximately five years, during which time its members have worked to make the campus a more inclusive space; and
- WHEREAS, their activities include making posters, creating and sending postcards to California's Congressional representatives asking for support for the LGBTQIA+ community, and watching short films; and
- WHEREAS, the club currently has around a dozen students, and hopes to continue expanding.

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- **WHEREAS,** Watsonville Charter School of the Arts currently has two active GSA clubs, the first for students in grades 6th through 8th and GSA Junior, for 4th and 5th graders, with a third in the works to include 2nd and 3rd grade students; and
- **WHEREAS,** in 2019, a few club members who were also part of the honor band auditioned and were chose to perform at the Santa Cruz County Queer Youth Leadership Awards; and
- WHEREAS, in 2020, one of their 4th grade students was awarded a Queer Youth Leadership Award for their activism; and
- **WHEREAS,** the club was part of the Queer, Trans and Allied Youth Summit, where they participated in what was at the time the first workshop by a group of middle school students.

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- WHEREAS, many of our local schools are proud supporters of the LGBTQIA+ community; and
- WHEREAS, Watsonville High is one of those schools, whose Gay-Straight Alliance club currently has 25 members; and
- **WHEREAS,** the club is currently working with the Associated Student Body, ASB, planning school-wide events to enhance awareness and support for LBTQIA+ students and allies.

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roclama<u>tion</u> National Disability Employment Awareness Month Mural Dedication

WHEREAS, National Disability Employment Awareness Month is held each October to commemorate the many and varied contributions made by people with disabilities to the country; and

October 16, 2021

- WHEREAS, Shared Adventures is a non-profit that has been serving Santa Cruz County's disabled community since 1992, holding approximately 50 events per year; and
- **WHEREAS,** Shared Adventures provides recreational activities that enhance the quality of life for disabled individuals and their families, as well as support services and partnerships with various agencies and school districts; and
- WHEREAS, Shared Adventures was selected as the US Paralympic Sport Club serving Central California in 2010; and
- WHEREAS, Shared Adventures receives support from foundations, businesses, individual donors, and agencies such as National Endowment for the Arts, California Arts Council, and the Arts Council of Santa Cruz County; and
- WHEREAS, the two murals being dedicated today highlight the activity of the disabled community; and
- WHEREAS, the Adventure Wall and its theme, "Adventure is for Everyone," displays images of them participating in athletic activities such as running, mountain climbing, soccer, and basketball; and
- WHEREAS, the Wall of Fame highlights four local disabled athletes who have been successful at the international level, with three competing in the Paralympics and one in the Adaptive Surf League.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jimmy Dutra, Mayor of the City of Watsonville, in the State of California, on behalf of the City Council hereby recognize October 2021 as National Disability Employment Awareness Month and congratulate Shared Adventures, and all who collaborated with them, on the dedication of these murals which serve to honor the disabled population, who are a vibrant segment of our diverse community.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Watsonville to be affixed this 16th day of October, Two thousand and twenty one.

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roclamation Sunset Grown Mastronardi Produce Ltd.

Mastronardi Produce Ltd. 2021 Food Donor of the Year October 18, 2021

- WHEREAS, since December 2020, Sunset Grown Mastronardi Produce Ltd. has donated over 233,000 pounds of fresh, sustainably grown, non-GMO produce to Second Harvest Food Bank's network of 160 local agencies and programs; and
- **WHEREAS,** these generous donations have helped feed 75,000 individuals each month, including more than 35,000 children; and
- WHEREAS, Sunset Grown is an invaluable source of year-round vegetables such as tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers; and
- **WHEREAS,** Sunset Grown provides their products to customers and families throughout California and beyond; and
- **WHEREAS,** Sunset Grown believes in the importance of giving back to the community and has worked organization-wide to give produce to food banks all over North America, including those on the Central Coast; and
- **WHEREAS,** Sunset Grown is deeply committed to sustainability through reducing its carbon footprint, being pro-ladybug, avoiding the use of chemicals wherever possible, and maintaining its Safe Quality Food certification; and
- WHEREAS, Sunset Grown's mission is to inspire healthy living through WOW flavor.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jimmy Dutra, Mayor of the City of Watsonville, in the State of California, on behalf of the City Council hereby congratulate Sunset Grown Mastronardi Produce Ltd. for being named 2021 Food Donor of the Year by Second Harvest Food Bank Santa Cruz County.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Watsonville to be affixed this 18th day of October, Two thousand and twenty one.

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