



# *P r o c l a m a t i o n*

## *Dana Sales*

### *January 19, 2021*

- WHEREAS,** Dana was born and raised in Pajaro Valley and attended local public schools Salsipuedes and Watsonville High, then enrolled at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland; and
- WHEREAS,** Dana completed 35 years as a school board trustee, having served 28 years on the Santa Cruz County Board of Education and seven years on Pajaro Valley Unified School District's Board of Directors, and having been president of both multiple times; and
- WHEREAS,** Dana's election to the PVUSD Board of Trustees marked the first time a person of Filipino heritage was elected to public office in Santa Cruz County; and
- WHEREAS,** Dana has always kept the best interests of the community's residents at the forefront, and has been part of the boards of Watsonville's Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture and Red Cross, as well as the Cultural Council of Santa Cruz County and the Salvation Army; and
- WHEREAS,** Dana has also participated on update committees of Watsonville's General Plan and sat on the City's Planning Commission; and
- WHEREAS,** Dana has been a realtor for 33 years and has served as president of Watsonville Board of Realtors and subsequently Pajaro Valley Association of Realtors, and has twice been recognized as the organization's Realtor of the Year; and
- WHEREAS,** Dana was the founding president of Pajaro Valley Prevention and Student Assistance, and is currently president of Watsonville Community Band; and
- WHEREAS,** Dana is the bilingual choir director and lead cantor at St. Patrick's Church in town; 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 Dana Sales for his years of exemplary service to the community, with wishes for success in all future endeavors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Watsonville to be affixed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, Two thousand and twenty one.

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**Jimmy Dutra, Mayor**