



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: June 8, 2021

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,
Honoring Chris Brokate For His Contributions To The Health Of The Russian River And Its
Communities.**

Whereas, Chris took his environmental passion and brought together a group of volunteers who became known as the Garbage Patch kids with the goal to end trash dumping; and

Whereas, Chris realized the environmental and human impact caused by those living without shelter and worked to engage the unhoused with collaborating organizations on the issues of unsheltered people living on the waterways, and the environmental impact caused by their living without shelter; and

Whereas, Chris educated himself and others on the health issues from the viewpoint of living without shelter and began a strategy to provide for suitable water, trash and sanitation mechanisms, to engage the unsheltered population to contribute to protecting the condition of the waterways and to minimize their own negative impact; and

Whereas, Chris partnered and collaborated with other environmental groups, schools, mental health professionals, and logistics/public works to educate and tackle the primary issues created by trash, especially micro plastics; and

Whereas Chris saw an opportunity to include the residents and visitors in being stewards of their rivers, coast, and waterways and engaged the population in volunteer clean-up teams conducting beach and roadway pickups, street drain clearing and dumpsite remediation; and

Whereas, Chris has been a passionate advocate for water quality who has educated and inspired government, residents, and volunteers to take action to keep waste out of our watershed; and

Whereas, The organization of the Garbage Patch Kids became the nonprofit Clean River Alliance and is now part of the Russian Riverkeeper, growing his initial vision into the Russian

River Clean Team, an impactful organization advocating for the health of the river and the populations (flora, fauna, and human) that rely on a healthy ecosystem.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California, hereby expresses the highest gratitude for Chris Brokate's excellent public service provided to the Russian River Watershed and Sonoma Coast in Districts 4 and 5 and to community members county wide.

Supervisors:

Gorin: Rabbitt: Coursey: Gore: Hopkins:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.