



# County of Sonoma

## State of California

Date: November 28, 2023

Item Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution Number: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California, Honoring and  
Acknowledging Chief Ken Savano on the Occasion of his Retirement from the Petaluma Police  
Department after Thirty Years of Exemplary Public Service**

**Whereas**, Chief Ken Savano began his career with the Petaluma Police Department on August 14, 1994, and throughout his career he worked, supervised, and managed a variety of assignments and teams including: foot/bicycle/vehicle patrol, traffic safety, police service canines, field training, crisis response team, community policing, mental health and homelessness, social media/community engagement, technology, and professional standards; and

**Whereas**, Chief Savano's dedication and commitment to public safety and his personal character earned him recognition as Officer of the Year in 1998; and

**Whereas**, Chief Savano earned his Bachelor's degree in Business Management from Saint Mary's College in Moraga, he graduated from the Sherman Block Leadership Institute in 2005, completed the Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) Leadership Development Course in 2015, and is a graduate of Session of 271 of the FBI National Academy. He has served on many committees and organizations including: as a member and past president of the Sonoma County Law Enforcement Chief's Association; the California Police Chief's Association Board of Directors as the Region 3 representative on the Technology Committee and Traffic Safety Committee; as a Steering Committee member of the Strategic Highway Safety Plan for California where he worked closely with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; the California Office of Traffic Safety; and the California Highway Patrol on traffic safety issues and legislative recommendations; and

**Whereas,** Chief Savano is also a member of the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association, International Association of Chief's of Police, California Peace Officers Association, National Tactical Officer's Association and the California Association of Hostage Negotiators; and

**Whereas,** Chief Savano stated "I have been honored, and am extremely grateful, for the opportunity to serve the community as a peace officer and proud to work for the City of Petaluma alongside caring and compassionate professionals who think of others first and recognize the nobility of public service and community safety ... this Department is exceptional not because of me, but because of our people. Their professionalism, leadership, teamwork, excellence, sense of community, and winning attitude demonstrated by those who served before me and along with me has created the culture for us to be a model policing agency every community deserves ..."

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors does hereby honor and acknowledge Chief Ken Savano on the occasion of his retirement from the Petaluma Police Department after Thirty Years of Exemplary Public Service.

**Be It Further Resolved** that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors sincerely thanks him for his commitment to public service and upholding the public trust, and wishes him well in his retirement.

**Supervisors:**

Gorin:

Rabbitt:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Coursey:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

**So Ordered.**