



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: April 27, 2019

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**Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California,
Honoring and Acknowledging Captain Michael Palacio Upon the Occasion of His Retirement
from the California Highway Patrol After Thirty-Four Years of Distinguished Service**

Whereas, The retirement of Captain Michael Palacio from the California Highway Patrol on December 28, 2018 comes after more than thirty-four years of distinguished public service; and

Whereas, Captain Palacio began his service with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) when he entered the Academy on April 2, 1994, whereupon graduation, he reported to the Oakland Area assuming duties as a Traffic Officer serving within Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, he also served as a field training officer, was assigned as a CHP motorcycle officer and dependably conducted diligent and thorough collision investigations; and

Whereas, Upon then Officer Palacio's transfer to the Marin Area on June 1, 1999, he served as a Traffic Officer and on July 1, 1999 he was selected as a member of the Golden Gate Division Multidisciplinary Accident Investigation Team where he was involved in the investigation of over 100 in-depth accident investigations, while practicing specialized skills and training in accident reconstruction, traffic engineering, and automotive engineering; and

Whereas, December 1, 2001 then Officer Palacio transferred to the Santa Rosa Area where he served as acting Sergeant and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on October 31, 2002, transferring to the Napa Area working as a field Sergeant and garnered the respect of his subordinates while ensuring they maintained the highest standards of ethical practices, on July

21, 2007 he was selected as a member of the newly formed state-wide CHP Workers Compensation Fraud Investigation Unit; and

Whereas, Then Sergeant Palacio continued to move through the ranks and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant on July 1, 2011 serving as the Golden Gate Division Administrative Services Lieutenant where he oversaw Golden Gate Division's Traffic Management Center, Freeway Service Patrol Unit, and many other duties to include employee investigations; and

Whereas, Captain Palacio was promoted to the rank of Captain and appointed as the Commander of the CHP Santa Rosa Area field office on November 1, 2015, overseeing CHP operations in Sonoma County where he was known as a fair and compassionate leader who built strong ties within the community, oversaw CHP operations during the tragic Tubbs Fire in 2017 and was a friend and mentor to many serving with distinction until his retirement in 2018.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors does hereby honor and acknowledge Captain Palacio on the occasion of his retirement from the California Highway Patrol after more than thirty-four years of distinguished service.

Be It Further Resolved that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors wishes him well in his retirement and sincerely thanks him for his strong leadership, commitment to outstanding public service and for his legacy of the many years of dedication to the safety and protection of the people of California.

Supervisors:

Gorin: Zane: Gore: Hopkins: Rabbitt:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.