



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: March 17, 2020

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State Of California,

Honoring and Congratulating Officer Steve Cummings as

2020 Exchange Club Peace Officer of the Year

Whereas, Officer Steve Cummings, of the Petaluma Police Department, has been selected as this years outstanding recipient of the Exchange Clubs' 2020 Sonoma County Peace Officer of the Year, recognizing his exceptional contributions to the safety of our community; and

Whereas, Officer Cummings has served as a police officer for the City of Petaluma since 2014, and has been a member of the SWAT Team since February of 2017 where he has worked to bring training and resources to the team, demonstrating his strong commitment to teamwork; he is also a member of the Firearms Team as of February 2019; and

Whereas, Officer Cummings has received two commendations during the fall rotation, both of which highlight the sound judgement and professionalism with which Officer Cummings approaches all aspect of police work; and

Whereas, on September 3, 2019, Officer Cummings, and other officers, responded to Petaluma Valley Hospital after a man entered the Emergency Room, soaked in gasoline, declaring he intended to light himself on fire and "kill everyone around" – the subject poured more gasoline on himself, and lit a cigarette. Officer Cummings and Officer Farinha devised a plan to disable the man, if he could be convinced to discard his cigarette, and when he did so,

Officer Cummings, at great personal risk, tackled the subject who was then placed in handcuffs. Fortunately, there were no injuries, and as Officer Cummings had the subject on the ground, he calmly and professionally reassured the subject he was there to help him – the consummate peace officer whose actions are selfless, brave, and serves as a role model for those around him.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors honors and congratulates Officer Steve Cummings of the Petaluma Police Department as the outstanding recipient of the Exchange Clubs' 2020 Sonoma County Peace Officer of the Year.

Supervisors:

Rabbitt:

Zane:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Gorin:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.