

RESOLUTION NO. XXXX

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAPITOLA
SUPPORTING THE INCORPORATION OF CAPITOLA INTO THE SANTA CRUZ WORLD
SURFING RESERVE**

WHEREAS, the City of Capitola is known to many for its outstanding surf breaks, and surfing is not only a key industry in our community but a part of the community's cultural identification; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz World Surfing Reserve is the official fourth World Surfing Reserve in the world and was designated on April 28, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz World Surfing Reserve is located on the northern side of Monterey Bay along California's Central Coast within the protected coastal waters of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary; and

WHEREAS, by endorsing the incorporation of the City of Capitola into the Santa Cruz World Surfing Reserve our community will formally recognize the long and close relationship between surfers and the ocean, and by this action promote the long-term preservation of these irreplaceable sites for recreation and competitive surfing; and

WHEREAS, the sport of surfing and its irreplaceable recreational sites are of undeniable ongoing value to our community's economy; and

WHEREAS, a World Surfing Reserve is purely ceremonial and memorial in nature and its provisions should not be used to limit how specified surfing areas are used; and

WHEREAS, the incorporation of Capitola into the Santa Cruz World Surfing Reserve will further increase our city's growing reputation as an environmentally aware and forward-looking community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Capitola that it hereby supports the incorporation of the City of Capitola into the Santa Cruz World Surfing Reserve.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Capitola on the 27th day of June, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Kristen Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julia Gautho, City Clerk