

Resolution

*THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING*

JOSEPH W. COTCHETT

Upon Receiving the Dolores Mullin “Like A Rock” Award

WHEREAS, Joseph W. Cotchett is one of the preeminent trial lawyers in San Mateo County and the nation, with a legendary reputation for his courtroom accomplishments and named one of the “100 Most Influential Lawyers in America” by the legal press; and

WHEREAS, Joseph W. Cotchett is a former Colonel in the Army, serving in both Airborne Special Forces and JAG Corp, receiving the Legion of Merit for his services; and

WHEREAS, Joseph W. Cotchett received an Engineering Degree from California Polytech University and a Law Degree from the University of California, San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Joseph W. Cotchett founded Cotchett, Pitre & McCarthy LLP in 1967, based in San Mateo County, and dedicated to the prosecution and defense of socially just actions; and

WHEREAS, Joseph W. Cotchett first came to Half Moon Bay in the early 1970s and became close to Dolores Mullin, for whom this award was named, together planting many of the trees on Main Street procured from the local farms; and

WHEREAS, Joseph W. Cotchett has represented many on the Coast, together with his law partner, former Congressman Pete McCloskey, and represented the County of San Mateo on numerous high profile cases including against Lehman Brothers to recoup \$5 million in investment losses, against lead paint manufacturers resulting in \$57 million in lead abatement for San Mateo County, and against Vinod Khosla up to the Supreme Court to re-open access to Martin’s Beach; and

WHEREAS, Joseph W. Cotchett has a legacy of service and philanthropic support for local nonprofits, civil rights groups, and legal aid organizations for the benefit of County residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County hereby honors and commends **Joseph W. Cotchett** upon receiving the **Dolores Mullin “Like A Rock” Award** from the Half Moon Bay Coastside Chamber of Commerce for all that he has given to the community and extends best wishes for continued success and service to the people of San Mateo County!

Dated: March 22, 2024

Supervisors:

Warren Slocum, President

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Attest: Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors