



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

Big Wave Group

On the Occasion of the Grand Opening of the Big Wave Center

WHEREAS, the **Big Wave Group** was founded by Jeff Peck in 1999, inspired by his daughter, Elizabeth Peck, with a visionary commitment to creating an inclusive, safe, and affordable housing and employment community for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), ensuring that all individuals could live with dignity, independence, and purpose; and

WHEREAS, the **Big Wave Group** founded Big Wave Project in 2001 and after years of careful study and public review, the **Big Wave Group** successfully completed a comprehensive Environmental Impact Report for its Center and received crucial approvals from the County of San Mateo and the California Coastal Commission; and

WHEREAS, the journey to this day required navigating complex planning, fundraising, and physical construction, demanding immense sacrifice and an extraordinary collective effort by the **Big Wave Group** alongside local and state agencies; and

WHEREAS, the realization of this vibrant new location is the direct result of decades of unyielding perseverance, tireless labor, and profound dedication by the founders, families, volunteers, and community partners of the **Big Wave Group** who refused to give up on a beautiful dream; and

WHEREAS, the newly created Big Wave Center by the **Big Wave Group** features a magnificent 50,000-square-foot facility housing 38 private apartments for 40 adults, as well as a 12-acre campus that includes a 10,000-square-foot gathering courtyard and integrates a 5-acre working farm; and

WHEREAS, through a specialized partnership with the non-profit One Step Beyond, Inc., the **Big Wave Group** also offers an on-site Culinary Academy providing vital life skills, vocational training, and comprehensive day programming; and

WHEREAS, the **Big Wave Group** provides an invaluable environment structured on an intentional, cooperative community model designed to foster lifelong friendships, deep social connections, and meaningful career opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the Big Wave Center are at the very heart of this endeavor, and the **Big Wave Group** successfully demonstrates the vital importance of creating spaces where individuals can live as full, valued, and independent members of society; and

WHEREAS, this state-of-the-art campus stands as a testament to the **Big Wave Group's** belief that individuals with IDD are active contributors whose unique talents, perspectives, and achievements deeply enrich the social, cultural, and economic fabric of San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, on this day, June 27, 2026, the **Big Wave Group** officially hosts the Big Wave Center Grand Opening Ceremony, marking a historic milestone and welcoming its inaugural residents and members to a place they can finally call home.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California hereby extends its highest commendations, warmest congratulations, and deepest gratitude to the **Big Wave Group** on this monumental day and honors and celebrates the years of hard work, resilience, and unity that brought this new location to fruition.

Dated: June 27, 2026

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