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

SUPERVISOR CAROLE GROOM

SAN MATEO COUNTY, DISTRICT 2

WHEREAS, SUPERVISOR CAROLE GROOM began a career in public service while working as the Vice President of Marketing for Mills-Peninsula Hospital by serving on the City of San Mateo's Public Works and Planning Commissions, followed by being elected to city council serving nine years, including two terms as Mayor of the city; and

WHEREAS, SUPERVISOR CAROLE GROOM is serving her final year on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, having been elected to the Board in June 2010, during which time she served as President of the Board in 2011, 2015, and 2019; and

WHEREAS, SUPERVISOR CAROLE GROOM has served on many local, regional, and state boards and commissions in her position; however, she will especially be remembered for her interest in supporting children and families, whole-person healthcare, environment and parks, transportation and housing, and public safety; and

WHEREAS, SUPERVISOR CAROLE GROOM initiated and helped to launch a Healthcare for All program in San Mateo County prior to the Affordable Care Act, which offered an infrastructure for the County to easily and successfully transition to the new healthcare program; and

WHEREAS, SUPERVISOR CAROLE GROOM began working with the San Mateo County Office of Education and the Silicon Valley Community Foundation in 2011 to develop a supportive program to increase the reading proficiency of third graders countywide from 58% to 80%, successfully launching The Big Lift initiative in 2013 to provide key interventions that includes access to preschool, inspiring summer experiences, enhanced family engagement and reducing chronic absenteeism; and

WHEREAS, SUPERVISOR CAROLE GROOM was appointed in 2012 to serve on the California Coastal Commission by former California State Assembly Speaker John Perez, and was honored that year with the "Champion of the Community" award by the San Mateo County Parks & Recreation Association; and, in 2014, she and Supervisor Dave Pine began the process to establish Peninsula Clean Energy, which was able to offer utility consumers an option for renewable energy sources in 2016; and

WHEREAS, SUPERVISOR CAROLE GROOM, worked for many years along with Supervisor Don Horsley to develop a facility for the homeless, recently breaking ground on the Navigation Center; and, working with Supervisor Warren Slocum, established the County's Poet Laureate program and they were instrumental in manifesting the County's Office of Arts and Culture; and, she took the lead from former Supervisor Adrienne Tissier and continued offering Disaster Preparedness Day annual safety events,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby honors and commends SUPERVISOR CAROLE GROOM as Women in County Government's 2022 Distinguished Service Award Recipient and wishes her well in the years ahead.

Supervisors:	
	Don Horsley, President
	Dave Pine
	Warren Slocum
	David J. Canepa

Attest: Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Dated: December 13 2022