

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors
Member's
Proclamation

PROCLAIMING WALLACE BAINÉ
AS SANTA CRUZ COUNTY'S COMMUNITY SCRIBE

WHEREAS, Wallace Baine has devoted the last 26-1/2 years covering the arts, culture and heartbeat of Santa Cruz County for the Santa Cruz Sentinel, as a reporter, editor, columnist and critic; and

WHEREAS, at the Sentinel and on his own time, Wallace has tirelessly promoted and celebrated the arts and the artists who make our community so one-of-a-kind, never ceasing to marvel at how fortunate he was to have such a position; and

WHEREAS, as a Sentinel Sunday columnist, Wallace shared his distinctive—often humorous—perspective on issues of the day for over 20 years, making sense of the chaos in our world, encouraging introspection, and inspiring readers to become more thoughtful, compassionate human beings; and

WHEREAS, as a sensitive and moving feature writer, Wallace has continuously reminded us of our good fortune to live in a community that attracts so many talented and exemplary residents, including those who left us all too soon; and

WHEREAS, Wallace founded, directed and hosted the prestigious Gail Rich Awards for 22 years, an annual celebration of artistic achievement, honoring a curated roster of exceptional artists and arts supporters in a Sentinel photo page and at a gala/reception/performance event, with his partners in the venture, Shmuel Thaler and the Arts Council of Santa Cruz County; and

WHEREAS, Wallace received the ArtWORKS Award for leadership by the City of Santa Cruz Arts Commission in 2010, and has been the recipient of numerous first-place writing awards from the California Newspaper Publishers Association and the American Association of Sunday and Feature Editors, honoring his strong commitment to excellence in journalism; and

WHEREAS, Wallace has been a frequent guest commentator at KPIG radio, expressing his studied viewpoints on national events, and stirring listeners to become more informed and involved citizens of the world; and

WHEREAS, Wallace has authored three books with Santa Cruz themes, namely "Rhymes with Vain: Belabored Humor and Attempted Profundity," a collection of his favorite Sentinel columns; "The Creatives Among Us," portraits of those honored during the first 20 years of the Gail Rich Awards, and "A Light in the Midst of Darkness," about the survival and success of Bookshop Santa Cruz with the help and support of a reading, book-loving community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, John Leopold, Santa Cruz County First District Supervisor, and Ryan Coonerty, Santa Cruz County Third District Supervisor, do hereby proclaim Wallace Baine as Santa Cruz County's Community Scribe, and encourage all citizens, family and friends to join us in expressing heartfelt appreciation for Wallace's truly eloquent writing and community involvement, which consistently celebrated our distinctive character, made us wiser, better people, and contributed immeasurably to the health and vibrancy of the Santa Cruz community.





Member Board of Supervisors

February 10, 2018

Date