

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

HONORING JAMES MARSHALL

WHEREAS, James (Jim) Marshall has been a strong advocate for children and early childhood education for more than four decades; and

WHEREAS, Jim served as the first co-director of the Children's Center San Lorenzo Valley, where he started a toddler program at the school that allowed teachers from Cabrillo College to use the program as a training opportunity; and

WHEREAS, Jim became a Master Teacher at Cabrillo College Children's Center in 1978; and

WHEREAS, in 1983, Jim and his wife Mary Jo co-founded Children's Alley Preschool in Santa Cruz, one of the finest preschools in the world, which continues to this day and has shaped the lives of hundreds of local children; and

WHEREAS, Jim served as the coordinator for the Santa Cruz County Children and Youth Commission from 1985 to 2002 and was also a co-founder/coordinator of the Santa Cruz County Child Care Planning Council; and

WHEREAS, Jim was a founding director and fund developer for Dientes Community Dental clinic, the first non-profit dental clinic in Santa Cruz County; and

WHEREAS, Jim served for 10 years on the First 5 Commission of Santa Cruz County, working to help children succeed in school and in life; and

WHEREAS, Jim, a children's music recording artist, was a Spectra Musical Artist for 20 years in K-6 public schools; and

WHEREAS, from 1980 to the present, Jim has been a part time Early Childhood Education instructor at Cabrillo College and from 1990 to present he has been a Child Studies Instructor at West Valley College, preparing early childhood education teachers to serve future generations; and

WHEREAS, from 2009 to 2013 Jim served as the Director of Cabrillo College Children's Center Programs; and

WHEREAS, Jim is a kind, caring, and supportive husband, father and grandfather and his family and community love him dearly.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ryan Coonerty, Third District Supervisor of Santa Cruz County, hereby honor Jim Marshall and express heartfelt thanks for his many contributions to the Santa Cruz County community.





Member, Board of Supervisors

June 6, 2018

Date