



**Proclamation of the Mayor of the City of Pacific Grove
Recognizing the
Point Almejas – Point Alones Chinese Fishing Village**

WHEREAS, the early Pacific Grove Chinese fishing village was located along the shores of Pacific Grove between Point Almejas and Point Alones and has been in the past referred to as Point Almejas, Point Alones, China Point, Mussel Point, as well as Cabrillo Point. It was one of the earliest American immigrant communities in what is present day Pacific Grove, stretching from Pacific Grove to just over the boundary with Monterey. Members of these village families represent first California-born generation of the thriving Point Almejas/Point Alones Chinese community; and

WHEREAS, the Chinese abalone fishing industry was a large-scale export industry that contributed to the development of California. The abalone meat was dried, sold, and shipped to China; and Quock Mui, the first documented Chinese American female born in the Monterey Peninsula area, lived in the Point Almejas-Point Alones Chinese Fishing Village. She had the amazing talent and ability of reaching out to and engaging a diverse and multi-ethnic community of friends; and according to 1900 Hopkins Sea Side Laboratory scientists in Pacific Grove, Chinese fisherman (Quock) Ah Tuck Lee possessed the necessary skill to locate and retrieve, what were at the time, and still are to this day the very elusive and much coveted specimens of hagfish embryos; and

WHEREAS, the Chinese fishermen at Point Almejas – Point Alones, devised a singularly unique and clever means of fishing for squid at night by use of lantern lights from their wire baskets of pitch lit with flames as a lure and attractant to the squid; and Chinese American railroad workers contributed to the development of Monterey county and thus Pacific Grove through their skilled work on the Monterey & Salinas Valley Railroad with the rail tracks leading to Pacific Grove; and

Whereas, after the Point Almejas – Point Alones Chinese Fishing Village burned down mysteriously on May 16, 1906, many Chinese moved away; However, a few Chinese remained on the Monterey Peninsula and moved their family into the McAbee Beach Chinese Village near the center of Ocean View Boulevard, now known as Cannery Row; despite the tribulations endured by the Chinese American community in Monterey County in the 19th century; and

Whereas, in 2006, exactly 100 years after the village fire, village descendants gathered at the “100 Year Respectful Remembrance of the Point Alones/Point Almejas Chinese Fishing Village” to remember and pay respects to their ancestors who once lived in the village; and a community that reflects upon its past, and recognizes historical mistakes is less likely to be forced to repeat them; and the Annual Walk of Remembrance of Pacific Grove’s Chinese Fishing Village commemorates the history and educates individuals about that village and its Chinese American inhabitants who once thrived on Pacific Grove Shores.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Peake, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Pacific Grove in the State of California do hereby proclaim May 4, 2019 as the tenth annual “Walk of Remembrance” commemorating the Point Almejas – Point Alones Chinese Fishing Village and recognizing the many contributions made by the Chinese in helping shape this fine community we call home the City of Pacific Grove.

Bill Peake

Bill Peake, Mayor