

RESOLUTION NO. 09-163 C.S.

**Resolution in Support of a Comprehensive Study
of the California Gray Whale**

WHEREAS, each year the California Gray Whale migrates along the California Coast to feeding grounds in the arctic, a journey of 8,500 to 11,000 miles; and

WHEREAS, the California Gray Whale is important for public education, recreational value, esthetic appeal, economic significance, and scientific interest for California; and

WHEREAS, whale watching contributes to local economies in direct revenues, and in the overall economic wellbeing of coastal communities, including the creation of jobs; and

WHEREAS, there exists the potential for ocean conditions to change because of global warming, including the potential for increased sea water temperature in the arctic feeding grounds of the California Gray Whale; and

WHEREAS, little is known about the effects of killer whale predation on Gray Whale calves during migration;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE MONTEREY CITY COUNCIL requests that State and or Federal agencies responsible for the assessment and management of these Gray Whale populations adequately fund and complete a comprehensive study of the status of the California Gray Whale.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY this 20th day of October, 2009, by the following votes:

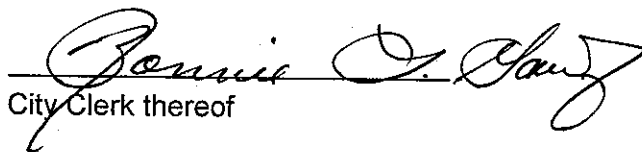
AYES:	4	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Downey, Haferman, Selfridge, Sollecito
NOES:	0	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	1	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Della Sala

APPROVED:



Mayor of Said City

ATTEST:



City Clerk thereof