

*Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the  
County of Monterey, State of California*

**Resolution No:**

Adopt Resolution recognizing the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of **First Night Monterey** Celebration of the Arts

**WHEREAS, First Night Monterey** is presenting the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary First Night Monterey Celebration of the Arts on New Year's Eve December 31, 2022 under the leadership of Executive Director Ellen Martin and the First Night Monterey Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS, First Night Monterey** was founded in 1993 as a nonprofit organization by a group of Monterey County residents led by Paulette Lynch, Ken Peterson, Fred Hernandez and Nanette Maysonave; and

**WHEREAS, First Night Monterey** follows the successful First Night© model established in Boston to usher in the Bicentennial in 1976. Collaborating with dozens of arts, cultural, civic and social service organizations throughout the county and throughout the year to create and present outstanding music, dance, visual arts, and spoken word experiences for all ages; and

**WHEREAS, First Night Monterey** embraces the vision of looking forward into the new year with hope. Hope engendered by the transformative power of the arts and manifested through the contributions of diverse creators throughout Monterey County; and

**WHEREAS, First Night Monterey** welcomes and celebrates artists, youth, and families in all our diversity; and

**WHEREAS, First Night Monterey** volunteers and leaders work throughout the year to raise funds to keep the twelve-hour celebration affordable for everyone; and

**WHEREAS, First Night Monterey** celebration planning is powered by a dozen volunteers of all ages and backgrounds at least twelve months in advance. Celebration production is powered by one hundred more of all ages and backgrounds throughout the twelve-hour celebration; and

**WHEREAS, First Night Monterey** demonstrates the power of the arts to connect the community by caring from the heart, inspiring creativity, and forging lasting connections.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County, and all residents thereof, hereby recognize and congratulates **First Night Monterey** for thirty years of success in bringing our community together through the arts, we express our sincere thanks and appreciation.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, by the following vote, to wit:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book \_\_\_\_\_ for the meeting on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Monterey, State of California.

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy