

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

RESOLUTION NO.:

Adopt a resolution proclaiming the **Month, May 2022**, as **Older Americans Month** in Monterey County recognizing the Administration for Community Living’s National Theme of “**Age My Way**”.

WHEREAS, President John F. Kennedy first designated May as “Senior Citizens Month” in 1963; the Older Americans Act, OAA, was signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson on July 14, 1965; in 2016, Congress reauthorized the Act in its entirety, effective through 2019; and in March of 2020, the Act was reauthorized through 2024; and

WHEREAS, older individuals rely on Federal and State programs, such as programs under the Social Security Act, including Medicare and Medicaid Programs for financial security and high-quality affordable health care while the recent reauthorization of the OAA includes provisions to remove barriers due to aging and ableism; and

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors further recognizes the extraordinary impact older individuals make to our communities through their volunteer efforts to the many non-profit organizations that provide services to our unique culturally-rich and diverse community of people in our County of which there are more than 87,273 persons that are sixty years of age and older, up 3.2% from last year; and

WHEREAS, the Older Americans Act, has provided essential home, community-based and supportive services, while protecting our vulnerable population against abuse, neglect and exploitation as they “**Age Their Way**,” living independently with dignity by choice, complementing existing health care systems, preventing hospital readmission while sustaining most of their basic activities of daily living; and

WHEREAS, the County of Monterey is home to a thriving community of older individuals, as every community is stronger when people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds are included, encouraging unique contributions while ensuring culturally diverse lives for our future generations; and

WHEREAS, older individuals in the Monterey County play important roles in society by continuing to contribute their experience, knowledge, wisdom and accomplishments while playing vital roles in their communities, remaining in the workforce, engaged in volunteer work, participating in the arts and cultural activities specifically activities relating to mentorship and civic engagement; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all its residents thereof, hereby joins the **Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council** in recognizing the month of **May, 2022** as **Older Americans Month**, urging every resident to take time to celebrate older individuals and the people who serve them as powerful and vital individuals who contribute greatly to our Monterey County Communities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this the 17th day of May 2022:

AYES

NOES:

ABSENT: