

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

**Resolution No.:**

Adopt a Resolution Proclaiming the Month of September 2023, as **National Suicide Prevention Month**.

**WHEREAS**, September is **National Suicide Prevention Month** where mental health advocates, prevention organizations, survivors, allies, and community members unite to promote suicide prevention awareness; and

**WHEREAS**, Suicidal thoughts, much like mental health conditions, can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, or background and are often the result of untreated mental health conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, Monterey County Behavioral Health has established a suicide prevention coalition, MC HOPES, and developed a strategic plan with a long-term vision of zero suicides in Monterey County; and

**WHEREAS**, Over the past year there was a one-hundred and thirteen percent increase in call volume to the 988 Suicide Crisis Line; and

**WHEREAS**, From 2019 to 2021, the suicide rate in Monterey County was one hundred four per one hundred thousand people, which makes our county the forty-second for the highest rate of suicide during this period; and

**WHEREAS**, Everyone in Monterey County can help prevent suicide and take steps to know the warning signs, find the words to reach out to someone you are concerned about, and reach out to local resources for help and support; and

**WHEREAS**, The Monterey County Board of Supervisors desires to enhance public awareness of suicide, which is a highly stigmatized topic, and spread hope and vital information to people affected by suicide.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, hereby proclaim September 2023 as **National Suicide Prevention Month**.

**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