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

## **Resolution No.:**

Adopt Resolution Celebrating THE VILLAGE PROJECT, INC. as the NAACP TOLLY & CLEO MARTIN SPIRIT OF PARTERSHIP AWARD Honoree 2023.

WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE PROJECT INC. (TVPI) was founded in 2008 to serve the African American and BIPOC communities; and

WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE PROJECT INC. was formed to carry out service provision in a manner that was knowledgeable and respectful of the different cultures from which these populations of people come; and

WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE PROJECT INC. motto is adopted from a Swahili saying-Boa Me Na Me Mmoa Wo-"Help Me and Let Me Help You."; and

WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE PROJECT INC. co-founders, Regina, and Mel Mason, have served as President of the NAACP, making significant impacts within the branch and in the community; and

WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE PROJECT INC. was founded to provide therapy, over a 15-year span have grown to offer a wide range of programs and services such as: Emanyatta Saturday School, Black Space, Nyumbani Prison Reentry Program, Tiga Pahti/Elevate Youth Program, Mae C. Johnson Education and Cultural Enrichment Academy.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, hereby celebrate THE VILLAGE PROJECT on this special occasion as the recipient of the NAACP TOLLY & CLEO MARTIN SPIRIT OF PARTERSHIP AWARD Honoree 2023.

| PASSED AND ADOPTED this                  | day of               | , 2023, by the following vote, |
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| to wit:                                  |                      |                                |
| AYES:                                    |                      |                                |
| NOES:                                    |                      |                                |
| ABSENT:                                  |                      |                                |
| I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of  | f Supervisors of the | County of Monterey, State of   |
| California, hereby certify that the fore | *                    |                                |
| 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 |        |
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|    | Deputy |