

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

RESOLUTION NO.:

Adopt resolution proclaiming the **Month, May 2024**, as **Older Americans Act Month** in Monterey County recognizing the Administration for Community Living's, ACL, national theme of **"Powered by Connection"** which advocates for aging and disability networks by connecting older adults, persons with disabilities, families, and caregivers with enhanced community social services; and

WHEREAS, the Older Americans Act, OAA or "Act," initiated in 1963, was signed into law in 1965. It is recognized as the first federal level initiative aimed at providing comprehensive services for older adults; subsequent reauthorizations expanded and enhanced the reach of the "Act" as the OAA has been incrementally reauthorized eighteen (18) times with supplemental funding and allocations; and

WHEREAS, "The Master Plan for Aging," a ten (10) year plan, serves as a "Blueprint for Aging," was signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom, June 2019. It identified five (5) bold goals: Housing for All Ages and Stages; Health Reimagined; Inclusion and Equity, Not Isolation; Caregiving that Works; and Affordable Aging, with twenty-three (23) strategies, focuses on building California for all residents by 2030; and

WHEREAS, the "Act" serves as a major vehicle for the organization, dissemination and delivery of social, nutritional, and now connectivity services to our aged, disabled, isolated adults and their caregivers through Area Agencies on Aging and Independent Living Centers. Unfortunately, agencies and services continue to suffer wider chasms than initially identified. The realization of our older population growth suffers from disproportionate, systematic, and systemic cuts as "marginalized" persons apply for social services; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Human Services recently issued a final rule to modernize the implementation to regulations of the "Act." These changes advance policy goals of the "Act," include equity in service delivery, accountability for funds expended, ACL's clarity in administration and its grantees. This final rule has a compliance date of October 1, 2025. The facilitation of this modernization rule should improve service delivery and enhanced benefits for OAA participants; and

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors further recognizes the extraordinary impact of its older population as every community is stronger when its people are uniquely strengthened and **"Powered by Connection"** eliminating all socioeconomic barriers thus encouraging participation in all discussions of lifespan longevity; and that continued fundamental services provided to our uniquely diverse communities enriches the lives of all persons in our County; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County of Monterey and all its citizens thereof, hereby joins the County of Monterey's **Area Agency on Aging (AAA)** and the **Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council** in recognizing the month of **May, 2024** as **Older Americans Act Month**, urging every resident to take time to celebrate our older residents and the people who serve them as powerful and vital individuals who contribute greatly to our Monterey County Communities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this ____ day of May, 2024, upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____ by the following vote, to wit:

AYES

NOES:

ABSENT: