

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt Resolution Proclaiming April 2023 and Every April Thereafter, as **Arts, Culture, and Creativity Month** in Monterey County in Coordination with California's Designation Per State Senate Concurrent Resolution NO. 33.

WHEREAS, Arts are not only an impressive and important agent for economic development, but also impact societal issues that include health, corrections, housing, immigration, veterans, transportation, and education; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative and state-mandated for all children and youth in Monterey County to have access to enriching arts education in their schools; and

WHEREAS, In a county as diverse as Monterey, the arts serve to give voice to our many communities, spark individual creativity, foster empathy and understanding, spur civic engagement, and serve as a continual source of personal enrichment, inspiration, and growth; and

WHEREAS, Efforts must continue to increase funding for the arts, arts education, and cultural bearers; and

WHEREAS, Monterey County's support for the arts, arts education, and cultural institutions is crucial to achieve equitable access to the arts throughout Monterey County; and

WHEREAS, The arts work to heal, build community, engage youth, advance racial justice, and create jobs; and

WHEREAS, California employs the highest number of people in creative industries such as architecture, entertainment, fashion, media and publishing – than any other state in the nation; and

WHEREAS, California is the fifth largest economy in the world, with a creative economy of approximately \$507 billion in 2021 according to the Otis Report on the Creative Economy; and

WHEREAS, Monterey County's own creative sector, according to ArtsMarket's Economic Impact of the Creative-Cultural Sector in Monterey County 2018, is the 8th largest employment sector, generated \$1.5 billion in total economic activity in annual spending, supported 14,278 full-time equivalent jobs, and delivered \$98 million in local and state government revenue; and

WHEREAS, The California Legislature adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 33 on April 25, 2019 proclaiming April 2019, and every April thereafter, as Arts, Culture, and Creativity Month and in 2021, an additional resolution SCR 40 was declared to recognize artists as second responders.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, hereby April 2023, and every April thereafter, as **Arts, Culture, and Creativity Month** in Monterey County as a significant time to recognize and

celebrate the arts, culture, and creativity of all peoples in Monterey County in coordination with California's designation per Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 33

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