

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt Resolution Celebrating **Juneteenth** in Monterey County and Honoring Salinas Juneteenth Celebration Association.

WHEREAS, Juneteenth marks the day in 1865 when enslaved people in Galveston, Texas, were finally informed of their freedom, two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued by United States President Abraham Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is a time to celebrate freedom, to reflect on the past, and to work towards a more just and equitable future; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth became a federal holiday recognized on June 17, 2021, and a Monterey County Holiday for our 5,000+ employees in 2023; and

WHEREAS, Local community groups organize vibrant celebrations in Monterey County to commemorate **Juneteenth**; and

WHEREAS, Salinas Juneteenth Celebration Association's mission is to host Black and African culturally-centered events in the Salinas Valley; and

WHEREAS, Salinas Juneteenth Celebration Association's purpose is to ensure the visibility and preservation of our city's Black and African American community members and their cultural contributions to Salinas' local history; and

WHEREAS, By celebrating and honoring a rich past while remaining conscious of current, ongoing struggles, we promote the resiliency of Black and African American legacies, both locally and globally; and

WHEREAS, The remnants of slavery continue to adversely affect our communities and racial discrimination in housing, healthcare, and other fields continue to be a challenge despite the passage of laws to end discrimination based on racial identity.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, hereby commemorates **Juneteenth** and honors the Salinas Juneteenth Celebration Association for their advocacy and work to hold local Juneteenth celebrations each year.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Monterey reaffirms its commitment to fighting for racial justice and equality for all people, and urges our county residents are to eliminate injustice everywhere it exists, and to celebrate the great diversity of our county.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2024, 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 _____, 2024.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California.

By _____
Deputy