

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

**Resolution No.:**

Adopt a resolution proclaiming March 2024 as "**Women's History Month**" in Monterey County and Celebrating March 8th as "**International Women's Day**".

**WHEREAS**, Women of every race, class, and ethnic background make contributions to the growth and strength of our county in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and women play critical economic, cultural, and social roles in every sphere of life, constituting a significant portion of the labor force, working both in and out of the home, as well as courageously serving in our nation's Armed Forces; and

**WHEREAS**, Women are leaders, serving in the forefront of progressing social change movements, securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, and fighting for the rights of others to create a more just and equitable society for all; and

**WHEREAS**, Despite these contributions, the role of women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and study of American history, including the leadership of hero's like Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth, Lucy Stone, Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Harriet Tubman, Alice Paul, Wilma Mankiller, Emma Tenayuca, Hedy Lamarr, Nancy Pelosi, Kamala Harris among many other women leaders who struggled for equality; and

**WHEREAS**, American women's history takes a new look at all that has transpired since our nation's founding and tells the story of our shared past from a different perspective, not rewriting history, but presenting and expanding a version of history that recognizes and honors the accomplishments of remarkable women; and

**WHEREAS**, The National Women's History Project, a non-profit educational organization, was set up in 1980 to recognize and celebrate the diverse and significant historical accomplishments of women, and successfully lobbied Congress in 1987 to designate every March as National Women's History Month and has selected, "***Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion***," as this year's annual theme to bring attention to and honor women for their unrelenting and inspirational persistence, demonstrating the power of voice, fighting against all forms of discrimination against women and girls, and shaping America's history and our future; and

**WHEREAS**, Despite the advancements of women in the Monterey County and that female persons constitute 49 percent of our county residents, much remains to be done to ensure that women realize their full potential as equal members of society; and

**WHEREAS**, The Monterey County Commission on the Status of Women established in 1974, by a Resolution of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors to advocate for Monterey County women on matters that particularly affect women, including affordable and quality childcare, education, housing, health, equal pay, sexual harassment, community services, and related areas; and this twenty twenty-four commemorates its fiftieth anniversary; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, hereby acknowledge March 2024 as "**Women's History Month**" in Monterey County and Celebrating March 8th as "**International Women's Day**".

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this \_\_\_\_ day of February 2024, upon motion of Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ 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