

Monterey County Board of Supervisors

Resolution

Resolution No.: 22-391

Resolution declaring every October 12 as "Indigenous Peoples Day" in Monterey County.....)

WHEREAS, Roughly 250 years ago the Esselen of Monterey County were stripped of their ancestral homeland; and

WHEREAS, In July 2020 twelve-acres of undeveloped ancestral land in Monterey County's Big Sur coast was returned to the six thousand year old Esselen tribe; and

WHEREAS, The cultural and governmental contributions of the Indigenous Peoples of Monterey County have shaped the course of the county throughout history; and

WHEREAS, Monterey County Native Americans, including Ohlone Costanoan, Esselen, Rumsien, Salinan and Amah Mutsun Nations, and other Indigenous Peoples have contributed and continue to contribute immeasurably to our County's history, diversity, economy, and culture by distinguishing themselves as academics, entrepreneurs, professionals and leaders, to name a few, and have contributed over thirteen-thousand years of cultural, economic and environmental traditions to the history of the Monterey Bay Region; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples Day is celebrated by tribes and communities across our nation, and is a day for educators to teach factual Indigenous history; and

WHEREAS, The County of Monterey recognizes that Indigenous Nations lived upon lands since time immemorial and values the progress our society has achieved through contributions of Indigenous Peoples in technology, business, law, medicine, education, the arts and the United States Armed Forces, to name just a few; and

WHEREAS, The County of Monterey understands that to help heal and close the wounds incurred throughout history, government entities should change policies and practices to reflect the experiences of Indigenous Peoples, and uplift our county's Indigenous roots, history and contributions; and

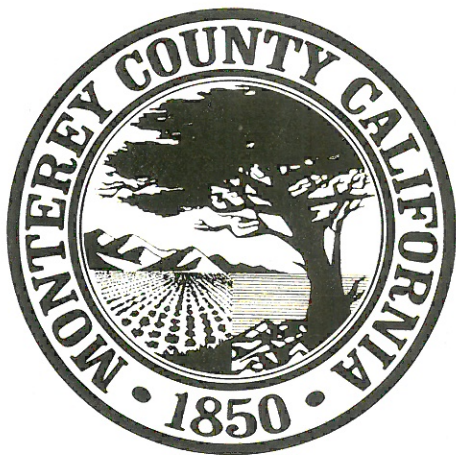
WHEREAS, The County of Monterey recognizes the unique history and historical knowledge of the local native Indigenous Peoples whose customs and traditions are respected and celebrated as part of the rich legacy throughout our area; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations' sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and

WHEREAS, As the County of Monterey joins a growing number of local governments that have recognized Indigenous Peoples Day, creating and opportunity to promote appreciation, tolerance, understanding, friendship, among Indigenous Peoples and all County residents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey proclaims every October 11 as "Indigenous Peoples Day" in Monterey County and encourages all residents to participate in appropriate observances with activities that celebrate and commemorate Indigenous Peoples.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 11th day of October 2022



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