

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

Resolution No. 13-165

Resolution on Behalf of the Monterey County
Branch of the NAACP in Commemoration of the 50th
Anniversary of the Death of *Medgar Wiley Evers*.....)

WHEREAS, *Medgar Wiley Evers* was born on July 2, 1925 in Decatur, Mississippi, and attended Alcorn College (now Alcorn University) after serving in the United States Army from 1943 to 1945; and

WHEREAS, upon returning from fighting for his country he returned to Mississippi to fight against inequality, segregation and treatment as a second class citizen; and

WHEREAS, *Medgar Wiley Evers* was an intrepid and outspoken proponent of civil rights and while working as an insurance sales agent, he was recruited to become the first Field Secretary in Mississippi for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in 1954; and

WHEREAS, he established the Mississippi State NAACP office in Jackson at the Masonic Temple at 1072 John R. Lynch Street; and

WHEREAS, as Mississippi NAACP Field Secretary, he traveled across the state soliciting NAACP memberships and challenging this country to live up to its creed that "all men are created equal"; and

WHEREAS, this basic civic quest for freedom garnered hatred from staunch racists and segregationists such as the Ku Klux Klan, White Citizens Council and Sovereignty Commission, while prompting praise, admiration and respect from others around the nation for his valiant efforts; and

WHEREAS, on June 12, 1963, *Medgar Wiley Evers* was shot to his death in the driveway of his home by a cowardly, avowed racist, sparking national outrage and prompting increased support for passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the hallmark legislation of the civil rights movement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in observance of the 50th Anniversary of the murder of *Medgar Wiley Evers*; salute the life and legacy of our fallen hero who gave his last full measure of devotion in pursuit of equal rights; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in honor of the ultimate sacrifice of *Medgar Wiley Evers* and others in the struggle for civil rights, NAACP members will recommit themselves to our mission to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that, the NAACP encourages its units and members to take the opportunity of the commemoration of the **50th Anniversary of the death of *Medgar Wiley Evers*** to continue to advance his historical legacy by educating and enlightening those individuals who are not aware of his valiance and the significance of the national outrage at his vicious murder, which led to increased support for the successful passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 11th day of June, 2013, upon motion of Supervisor Parker, seconded by Supervisor Salinas, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES: Supervisor Armenta, Calcagno, Salinas, Parker
NOES: None
ABSENT: Supervisor Potter

I, Gail T. Borkowski, 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 76 for the meeting on June 11, 2013.

Dated: June 11, 2013
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Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of
Supervisors, County of Monterey, State of
California,

By



, Deputy