

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

Resolution No

Adopt a Resolution proclaiming April as
**National Autism Awareness Month
in Monterey County**

WHEREAS, the month of April is designated as **Autism Awareness Month** to increase public awareness of the need to support individuals with autism and the family members, educators and other professionals who teach and care for individuals with autism; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 1 in 44 children has been diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD); and

WHEREAS, autism is a lifelong developmental disability and people with autism are often subject to stigma, discrimination and human rights violations; and

WHEREAS, the abilities and needs of people with autism vary and can evolve over time, with some people with autism living independently while others have severe disabilities and require life-long care and support; and

WHEREAS, with early diagnosis and intervention programs individuals with autism can see significant improvements with the care for people with autism needing to be accompanied by actions at community and societal levels for greater accessibility, inclusivity and support; and

WHEREAS, with the continuous investigation and research on autism, **World Autism Awareness Day** was set as April 2 of each year by the United Nations General Assembly in Resolution 62/139 and adopted on December 18, 2007, to encourage member states to take action to raise awareness about autism spectrum disorder and support research into new ways to improve wellness and inclusion of people with autism; and

WHEREAS, the County of Monterey celebrates the countless ways that people with autism contribute to our families, our communities, our Nation, and the world and commends the family members, educators and other professionals support or care for individuals with autism.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, proclaim April 2022 **National Autism Awareness Month in Monterey County** and urges all residents to learn more about autism so we may continue to improve early diagnosis and to build more welcoming and inclusive communities that support people with autism by learning about the experiences of autistic people from people with autism.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this ___ day of _____ 2022, upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____ by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Valeria 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 _____.

Dated:

Valeria Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California
By _____
Deputy