

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt Resolution acknowledging **Restorative Justice Practices** in Monterey County

WHEREAS, restorative justice is recognized as a concept of transformational justice which views crime as harm, affecting individuals and the community, and restorative justice offers a needed approach that allows voluntary participation for all affected in a mediated dialogue that honors accountability, reparation, and invites empathy, feelings of satisfaction, and/or healing; and

WHEREAS, restorative justice recognizes the needs of those affected by crime and conflict, to speak their truth in a setting that leads toward satisfactory outcomes for all affected; and

WHEREAS, restorative justice promotes teaching and learning that incorporates academic and social-emotional development, and facilitates the development of social and human capital for students and families; and

WHEREAS, restorative justice practices in schools, foster a consistent disciplinary system in an educational setting that is built on personal accountability in which people recognize that misbehavior damages relationships between the person or persons who misbehaved, the person harmed by the behavior, and the community as a whole, this system creates a welcoming, safe, and healthy environment to excel in terms of behavior and academics, which leads to a more productive community; and

WHEREAS, restorative justice practices with youth who voluntarily participate in Victim Offender Reconciliation mediations, referred by the Monterey County Probation Department and led by community facilitators, reveal an average of 90% of youth, do not re-offend;

WHEREAS, restorative justice programs are beneficial to all aspects of the community, including direct and indirect victims of crime, youth, adults, the incarcerated and their families, businesses and civic institutions who seek a way to resolve harm.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, on behalf of the County and all its citizens thereof, hereby acknowledges, and proclaims that restorative justice is an innovative, efficient, and sustainable approach that offers methods of dealing with conflict, to reduce violence by improving human relationships in Monterey County, and urges public officials, employers, employees, businesses, organizations, institutions, and the general public to strategically expand opportunities for programs, public, and private that will enhance the quality of relationships to honor the needs of all to help produce a safe, healthy, and just community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2015 by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

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___ for the meeting on _____.

Dated:

Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California

By _____
, Deputy