

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt Resolution Proclaiming July 2023 as **Minority Mental Health Awareness Month** in the County of Monterey.

WHEREAS, National **Minority Mental Health Awareness Month** is observed each July to bring awareness to the unique struggles that racial and ethnic minority communities face regarding mental illness in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Mental health is an important part of overall health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, There are a number of factors that contribute to the mental health disparities experienced by minority communities, including discrimination, poverty, and lack of access to mental health care; and

WHEREAS, Minority communities are disproportionately affected by mental health challenges; and

WHEREAS, Mel Mason and his wife Regina Mason co-founded The Village Project, Inc., an award-winning African American-focused family resource center, headquartered in Seaside, California that helps countless minority communities; and

WHEREAS, The Village Project is a community-based organization that provides mental health services to minority communities; and

WHEREAS, The Village Project is committed to providing culturally competent mental health services that meet the needs of minority communities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, hereby observes **Minority Mental Health Awareness Month** in July.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Monterey celebrates the Village Project, Inc.'s work to raise awareness and address the mental health needs of our local community members.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2023, 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 _____, 2023.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California.

By _____
Deputy