

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

**Resolution No.:**

Adopt a resolution Recognizing November 20, 2021, as **Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR)** in Monterey County.

**WHEREAS**, The Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) was set aside in 1998 to memorialize those who were killed due to anti-transgender hatred or prejudice, and is currently held around the world every November 20th, as a day of honoring and supporting transgender individuals and calling attention to the ongoing epidemic of violence and transphobia, especially against transgender women of color; and

**WHEREAS**, Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) was created following the 1998 murder of Rita Hester, a transgender woman of color, whose murder has yet to be solved; and

**WHEREAS**, The following year on November 20, 1999, Gwendolyn Ann Smith created the first Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) in honor of Rita Hester and other transgender people whose lives were lost due to violence; and

**WHEREAS**, The year 2020 marked one of the deadliest years on record for hate violence against transgender Americans, including undocumented transgender immigrants; and

**WHEREAS**, The Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) seeks to remember and mourn the loss of transgender and gender non-conforming individuals killed around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, Many transgender people, adults and youth alike, still face systemic barriers to freedom and equality; and

**WHEREAS**, All people deserve to live with dignity and respect, free from fear and violence, and protected against discrimination, regardless of their gender identity or sexual orientation, and we understand the unique challenges faced by sexual and gender minorities, especially transgender and gender non-conforming individuals and are taking steps to address them; and

**WHEREAS**, Trans and gender non-conforming people should not have to fear violence and discrimination for the simple act of living authentically and expressing their preferred gender identity; and

**WHEREAS**, The people of Monterey County actively dedicate themselves to the principles of human rights, individual freedom, equal protection under the laws of a just and democratic society, and to remain vigilant against hatred and persecution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all of the residents thereof, proclaim November 20, 2021 as “**Transgender Day of Remembrance**” (TDOR) in Monterey County and call upon all residents to eliminate prejudice everywhere it exists, and to celebrate the great diversity of our county.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Transgender Flag, a symbol of the transgender community, organizations, and individuals will be flown at the [168 West Alisal Monterey County Government Center](#), and other flagpoles in Monterey County where requested, on November 19, 2021 at noon, through November 20, 2021, for the first time in the county's history; and

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all of the citizens thereof, proclaim support for efforts, that increase awareness, acceptance, and inclusion of transgender individuals.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_ 2021, upon motion of Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

Dated:

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

By \_\_\_\_\_