



County of Monterey

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 25-317

Adopt a resolution celebrating the **50th Anniversary** of the **Monterey**)
County Free Libraries Seaside Branch in the Gordon R. Forrest)
Building.....)

WHEREAS, the community of Seaside has proudly been home to the **Monterey County Free Libraries Seaside Branch**, also known as the **Seaside Branch Library**, established in 1931 with support from the Emerson Library Club, a community book-sharing social club; and

WHEREAS, as the need for more books and space grew, the City of Seaside voters approved a bond in June 1968 to fund the construction of a new **Seaside Branch Library**; and

WHEREAS, on August 25, 1975, the present **Seaside Branch Library** opened its doors in the Gordon R. Forrest Building, establishing a permanent home that has stood as a cornerstone of learning, literacy, and civic life for 50 years; and

WHEREAS, within the walls of the **Seaside Branch Library**, thousands of children, families, and lifelong learners have embarked on journeys of imagination, exploration, and discovery, shaping not only individual lives but the collective spirit of the city; and

WHEREAS, the **Seaside Branch Library** continues to embody the enduring power of libraries as places of inclusion, equity, and opportunity, providing vital resources that foster literacy, digital access, cultural enrichment, and intellectual growth for all; and

WHEREAS, this 50-year milestone is a testament to the vision of those who invested in a permanent home for the **Seaside Branch Library**, and to the unwavering dedication of library staff, volunteers, and supporters who have sustained its mission across decades; and

WHEREAS, the **Seaside Branch Library** is a cherished landmark and a vibrant hub of knowledge, connection, and opportunity whose continued role in inspiring generations to come is expected and deeply appreciated.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors on behalf of all the County and its residents thereof, hereby proudly commemorates the **50th Anniversary of the Monterey County Free Libraries Seaside Branch** in the Gordon R. Forrest Building, honoring its profound and lasting impact on the past, present, and future of our community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 26th day of August 2025

Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez

Vice Chair Supervisor Wendy Root Askew

Supervisor Glenn Church

Supervisor Luis A. Alejo

Supervisor Kate Daniels

