

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

Resolution No.

Adopt Resolution proclaiming the month of February as **Environmental**)
Justice Month and in commendation of the Fort Ord Environmental)
Justice Network in Monterey County.....)

WHEREAS, Environmental justice is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies; and

WHEREAS, February 11 is the 22nd anniversary of the signing of Executive Order 12898, “Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations” which affirmed every American’s right to breathe freely, drink clean water, and live on uncontaminated land; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, as an outgrowth of community concerns over the cleanup and reuse efforts of the former Fort Ord Army Base, **the Fort Ord Environmental Justice Network** formed; and

WHEREAS, **the Fort Ord Environmental Justice Network** has worked for the participation of disenfranchised communities in the activities and decisions made regarding the cleanup of toxins, contaminated groundwater, 8,000 acres of military munitions and other contaminants that cause adverse health effects to impacted residents; and

WHEREAS, **the Fort Ord Environmental Justice Network** also strives to balance the needs of the people with the care of the environment, involving local residents in reuse plans, and economic development recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS, Evangelist LeVonne Stone has dedicated her life to environmental justice, serving as founder and Executive Director of **the Fort Ord Environmental Justice Network**, with the support of her husband and co-founder Pastor Donald L. Stone, working tirelessly on behalf of the underserved; and

WHEREAS, **Environmental Justice Month** will raise awareness that we must balance the needs of the people with the care of the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all of the citizens thereof, proclaim February, as **Environmental Justice Month**, and call this observance to the attention of Monterey County citizens, and further resolves that the Board of Supervisors commends **the Fort Ord Environmental Justice Network** for their persistence and commitment to balance the needs of the people with the care of the environment in the cleanup and management of the former Fort Ord.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this _____, 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 orders 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