

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

**Resolution No.:**

Adopt a resolution proclaiming **August 9, 2025**, as **World Indigenous Peoples Day** in the County of Monterey under the theme: Indigenous Peoples' Right to Self-Determination: A Pathway for Food Security and Sovereignty

**WHEREAS**, **August 9th** is globally recognized as **World Indigenous Peoples Day**, established by the United Nations to promote and protect the rights of Indigenous peoples and to recognize their invaluable contributions to the world's cultural heritage, environmental stewardship, and human diversity; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Monterey acknowledges that it is located on the traditional lands of the Esselen, Rumsen Ohlone, and other Indigenous peoples who have stewarded these lands since time immemorial, and whose descendants continue to enrich our community with their enduring presence and vibrant traditions for greater than 10,000 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Indigenous peoples across the globe have faced — and continue to face — historical and ongoing injustices, including colonization, displacement, loss of languages and cultural practices, and barriers to political and economic inclusion, yet have demonstrated extraordinary resilience, strength, and leadership in revitalizing their cultures and protecting ancestral knowledge; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Monterey is committed to fostering an inclusive and equitable community that honors diversity, promotes restorative practices, and seeks meaningful engagement with Indigenous communities; and

**WHEREAS**, **World Indigenous Peoples Day** provides an opportunity for residents, organizations, and institutions to deepen their understanding of Indigenous histories and contemporary issues, to celebrate Indigenous art, culture, and wisdom, and to support efforts that advance justice, sovereignty, and self-determination for Indigenous peoples; and

**WHEREAS**, Indigenous peoples throughout the world are the most vulnerable to the many threats posed by technological progress and its environmental side effects.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors on behalf of all the County and its residents, thereof, proclaim **August 9, 2025**, as **World Indigenous Peoples Day** in the County of Monterey and encourages all residents to reflect upon the rich cultural contributions and the profound resilience of Indigenous peoples past, present, and emerging.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County of Monterey reaffirms its commitment to building relationships with Indigenous communities, supporting initiatives that elevate Indigenous voices, and engaging in actions that promote equity and reconciliation.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_ 2025, 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy