

Monterey County Board of Supervisors

Resolution

Resolution No.: 23-082

Resolution Proclaiming the Week of March 12-18, 2023, as)
National Public Defender Week in Monterey County.....)

WHEREAS, The Monterey County Public Defender's Office is joining forces with national, state and county-wide celebration of National Public Defender Week; and

WHEREAS, Sixty years ago the Unites States Supreme Court decided the landmark case of Gideon v Wainwright that enshrined the right to counsel for people who could not afford to hire an attorney; and

WHEREAS, The Monterey County Public Defender's Office hopes to create public awareness to highlight the important, dedicated, excellent diligent work that everyone in the indigent defense community does every day on behalf of their clients; be it public defenders, alternate defenders, private defense attorneys, paralegals, investigators, legal secretaries and administration, social workers or private advocates, they are all warriors against social injustice, abuse of power, inequities in our criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, Public defenders are committed and zealous advocates for their clients in order to restore and affirm their human dignity and values, and to vindicate their legal and human rights; and

WHEREAS, Public defenders are dedicated to ensuring everyone exercises their constitutional right to counsel and are on the front lines of today's greatest civil rights struggles.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, hereby recognize March 12-18, 2023, as National Public Defender Week; and express our appreciation to all the dedicated staff and attorneys of the Monterey County Public Defender's Office for their exemplary work for their clients and for advocating to build a more just and equitable society for all.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 14th day of March 2023



Supervisor Mary L. Adams
Supervisor Luis A. Adejo, Chair
Supervisor Glenna Church, Vice Chair
Supervisor Chris Lopez
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