



# County of Monterey

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 25-364

Adopt a resolution honoring the **Blue Ribbon Task Force on Youth Violence Prevention (Blue Ribbon Task Force)** on the occasion of the **International Day Of Non-Violence**, October 2, 2025.....

**WHEREAS**, the **International Day of Non-Violence**, observed annually on October 2nd in honor of Mahatma Gandhi, serves as a global reminder of the power of peace, unity, and community-driven solutions in addressing conflict and promoting human dignity; and

**WHEREAS**, the **Blue Ribbon Task Force** started formal operations and planning in 2014, including the development of a Youth Violence Prevention Plan and the hiring of a Youth Violence Prevention Manager; and

**WHEREAS**, the **Blue Ribbon Task Force's** aim is to develop prevention methods that address the root causes of violence—including poverty, lack of opportunity, trauma, and limited access to positive outlets, with the vision of creating lasting change; and

**WHEREAS**, the **Blue Ribbon Task** provides a vital platform for collaboration among youth, parents, educators, community leaders, service providers, and law enforcement to develop meaningful solutions that strengthen community bonds and foster hope; and

**WHEREAS**, the **Blue Ribbon Task Force** empowers young people with mentorship, education, leadership development, and access to supportive resources that builds resilience, uplifts voices, and creates pathways away from violence and toward opportunity; and

**WHEREAS**, the **Blue Ribbon Task Force** meets regularly on the third Wednesday of each month to assess progress, share strategies, and strengthen partnerships across the community, ensuring that this work is both sustainable and impactful; and

**WHEREAS**, the **Blue Ribbon Task Force** by uniting the voices and efforts of all stakeholders including but not limited to the City of Seaside and the Seaside Police Department, reaffirms the collective commitment to create a safe, supportive, and thriving environment where every young person can reach their full potential; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, recognizes and honors the **Blue Ribbon Task Force on Youth Violence Prevention (Blue Ribbon Task Force)** for its steadfast dedication to reducing youth violence, building resilient communities, and fostering a culture of non-violence; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, proudly joins communities around the world in commemorating the **International Day of Non-Violence**, October 2, 2025 and extends its gratitude to the members of the **Blue Ribbon Task Force** for their ongoing leadership and service.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 2025

Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez

Vice Chair Supervisor Wendy Root Askew

Supervisor Glenn Church

Supervisor Luis A. Alejo

Supervisor Kate Daniels

