

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

**Resolution No.:**

Adopt resolution celebrating the Arts Council for Monterey County's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary

**WHEREAS**, The Arts Council for Monterey County (Arts4MC) was first known as the Cultural Council of Monterey County and was incorporated in 1982 in Carmel, California; and

**WHEREAS**, James Alinder, Richard Crispo, Ilene Tuttle, George De Groat, Todd Lueders, George Faul, and Helen Kingsley, along with the support of [Ansel Adams](#), created the Council in 1982 as part of a nationwide movement powered by the National Endowment for the Arts, "to develop and assist art and cultural programs, and to promote the employment of artists within the county."

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Arts Council for Monterey County (Arts4MC) is to improve the quality of life for everyone in our region through the arts; and

**WHEREAS**, The Arts Council serves the entire County of Monterey which is comprised of 439,035 residents with 70% US citizens and a poverty rate of 11.6%. 72.1% of our population is recognized as BIPOC, including 59.4% Latino or Hispanic, 6.7% Asian, 3.4% African American and 2.6% Indigenous Tribes. 55.2% speak a language other than English at home (national average-14%) with 84% speaking Spanish. There are 27,819 K-12 English learners out of 78,000 students countywide. 9,400 of our students qualify as homeless and 72% received free or reduced meals; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1982, the California Arts Council (a state agency) recognized the Cultural Council as a state local partner with the designation by the County of Monterey as the County's official arts agency; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1985, the County of Monterey first contracted with the Council to provide cultural services to improve the economic health of the region — with funding from the County's Tourism Occupancy Tax; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1988, the Cultural Council began providing Teaching Artist in Residences in schools throughout Monterey County to provide high-quality visual and performing arts programs, which now serves more than 25,000 students; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2007, the Cultural Council of Monterey County changed its name to the Arts Council for Monterey County; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2009, in partnership with the California Arts Council, the Arts Council sponsored Monterey County's first Poetry Out Loud Competition for high school students. To date, three (3) students from Monterey County won the statewide competition, and advanced to the national competition in Washington, D.C; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2015, the Arts Council’s Arts as Healing transformational program was the recipient of the National Association of Counties’ “National Arts & Culture Award for Solutions and Innovation.”

**WHEREAS**, In early 2020, the Arts Council Board and Staff completed a very thorough strategic planning program with LaPiana Consulting, leading to the Arts Council’s current overarching strategy to advance social equity through the arts by supporting artists, programs, and organizations that are emerging, under-resourced, or underrepresented; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2021, in partnership with the County of Monterey, the Arts Council launched the first Monterey County Poet Laureate and announced Daniel B. Summerhill as the Inaugural Poet Laureate effective Jan 2022-Dec 2023. The County Poet Laureate is an honorary position that celebrates the County of Monterey’s cultural heritage and promotes literacy and literature among county residents; and

**WHEREAS**, David Cloutier was the company's first permanent Executive Director until 2004, followed by Paulette Lynch, and through her leadership the organization quickly expanded its capabilities and gained national recognition. Jacqueline M. Atchison who succeeded Ms. Lynch, is the current Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer. Under her guidance, the Arts Council continues to grow and thrive--earning respect and appreciation from its many community partners, artists, arts organizations and cultural groups; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no organization in Monterey County that connects more artists, students, cultural nonprofits and partners to visual and performing arts.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, honors **the Arts Council for Monterey County** for celebrating 40 years and wishes their continued success in all of their future endeavors.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022, by the following vote, to wit:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

I, Valeria 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Monterey, State of California.

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy