

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

**Resolution No.**

Adopt Resolution declaring the month of July 2014 as National \_\_\_\_\_ )  
**Bebe Moore Campbell Minority Mental Health Awareness Month.....)**

**WHEREAS**, the United States House of Representatives on May 21, 2008 and the United States Senate on June 2, 2008 adopted a resolution declaring the month of July as “**Bebe Moore Campbell National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month**”; and

**WHEREAS**, both Houses of Congress saw the need to name this month after the late Bebe Moore Campbell, renowned African American author and founder of the Los Angeles chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill; and

**WHEREAS**, Bebe Moore Campbell worked in association with the late former United States Surgeon General David Satcher to highlight the issue of disparities in mental health treatment for African Americans and other ethnic minority groups that often led to misdiagnosing and maltreatment of ethnic minorities in mental health settings as a result; and

**WHEREAS**, today, the issue of disparities and mental health maltreatment remain issues for ethnic minorities despite the gains that have been made in these areas; and

**WHEREAS**, Bebe Moore Campbell, in the founding of the Los Angeles Chapter of National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, utilized that organization to further educate the public at large and ethnic minority communities specifically about the realities of mental illness in minority communities, the importance of mental health treatment and care and reduce the stigma that often deterred minorities from seeking such treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, in Monterey County, with the passage of the California Mental Health Services Act of 2004, there are meaningful strides being made towards more effective outreach, engagement and the provision of culturally and linguistically specific and competent mental health programs, services and treatment to those diverse communities and people; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of July, especially, but all months generally, should highlight the need for the recruitment, development and retention of many more mental health practitioners of ethnic minority backgrounds to carry out this much needed work in these diverse communities.

**NOW THEREOFRE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors does hereby reaffirm its continued support for the month of July 2014 and every year thereafter as **Bebe Moore Campbell National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month** in Monterey County and that the Board of Supervisors calls upon all community organizations, religious institutions, people and local governments to use this month to promote and organize events and activities that serve to educate all communities about mental health and wellness and reduction of the cultural distrust and stigma that have often served as barriers for ethnic minorities to acknowledge mental illness and to receive mental health treatment.

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 order of 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 \_\_\_\_\_