



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 24-327

Adopt a resolution to proclaim the month of September 2024, as “National Food Safety Education Month” in Monterey County and call upon public and private organizations to celebrate with the Monterey County Health Department, Environmental Health Bureau, and the Monterey County Food Safety Advisory Council by participating in learning opportunities and activities that promote food safety.....)

WHEREAS, “Working Together for Food Safety” is the mission of the Monterey County Health Department, Environmental Health Bureau, and the Monterey County Food Safety Advisory Council; and)

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Health Department, Environmental Health Bureau, has worked with the Food Safety Advisory Council to create the Monterey County “Gold Seal” award as a symbol of a food facility’s commitment to attaining substantial compliance with the California Retail Food Code (Cal Code) for safe food handling and preparation; and)

WHEREAS, educators across the county recognize and encourage the observance of National Food Safety Education Month and have joined forces to mark this occasion; and)
WHEREAS, this food safety campaign strives to build awareness of the restaurant and food service industry’s commitment to serving safe food; to heighten awareness and importance of food safety education; and to encourage additional food safety training for all industry employees; and)

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that each year roughly 1 in 6 Americans (or 48 million people) gets sick, 128,000 are hospitalized, and 3,000 die of foodborne diseases; and that, even though most consumers have a fundamental knowledge of food safety, significant gaps in food safety knowledge are prevalent; and that Government research shows these gaps in essential food safety knowledge result in increased risk of foodborne illness; and that food safety education is vital to combat the public health threat these deficiencies in food safety knowledge pose.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the month of September 2024, as “National Food Safety Education Month” in Monterey County and calls upon public and private organizations to celebrate with the Monterey County Health Department, Environmental Health Bureau, and the Monterey County Food Safety Advisory Council by participating in learning opportunities and activities that promote food safety.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 24th day of September 2024

Chair Supervisor Glenn Church

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