

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt resolution recognizing the accomplishments of **Helen Rucker** and declaring the day of February 14, 2023 as “**Helen Rucker Day**” in Monterey County.

WHEREAS, Helen Rucker, a native of Louisiana arrived in Seaside, California in 1968 with her husband a U.S. Army veteran; and

WHEREAS, Helen Rucker is a retired teacher, librarian and longtime community activist in the Monterey Peninsula and City of Seaside; and

WHEREAS, Helen Rucker has dedicated her career and life to civil rights and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, Helen Rucker began her activism by holding voter registration information sessions in Louisiana and then in California; and

WHEREAS, Helen Rucker has served on the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District Board of Trustees, Seaside City Council and as former President of the Monterey County Branch of the NAACP; and

WHEREAS, Helen Rucker is the founder of the Seaside Voter Education Center since 1964, an organization dedicated to inspiring young people of color to vote and launched the Seaside Voter Education Center in 2008, where she registers voters and educates them on vital neighborhood concerns; and

WHEREAS, In 2017, Helen Rucker was awarded the Monterey County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People’s Medgar Evers Freedom Legacy Award for her work on behalf of civil rights and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, In 2019 Helen Rucker received the Community Woman of Distinction from the Women’s Leadership Council at California State University, Monterey Bay; and

WHEREAS, Helen Rucker continues to be a trailblazer throughout Monterey County by spreading the word on the importance and privilege of participating in our democracy.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, recognize the exemplary lifetime accomplishments, leadership and activism of Helen Rucker and declares February 14, 2023 as “**Helen Rucker Day**” in Monterey County as part of our proud celebration of Black History Month in our county.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2023, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

I, Valerie 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 _____, 2023.

Dated:

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

By _____
Deputy