



County of Monterey

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 25-367

Adopt a resolution honoring **Last Chance Mercantile** on)
International E-Waste Day, October 14, 2025.....)

WHEREAS, International E-Waste Day, observed annually on October 14, is a global initiative designed to raise awareness about the growing problem of electronic waste and to promote sustainable practices that extend the life of valuable materials; and

WHEREAS, Last Chance Mercantile has been a beloved reuse store and salvage yard in the community for over 30 years, offering items such as furniture, clothing, tools, sporting goods, art, kitchenware, outdoor recreation gear, and gardening supplies, donated by residents and community institutions, and salvaged from ReGen Monterey's landfill and recycling plant; and

WHEREAS, reuse represents the highest and most effective use of materials in the waste-management hierarchy after reduction, and **Last Chance Mercantile** diverts over a million pounds of materials from the landfill each year, giving them a second life in the community; and

WHEREAS, Last Chance Mercantile serves as a model facility among communities and waste-management agencies across the country, inspiring similar programs that promote a circular economy; and

WHEREAS, since 2021, **Last Chance Mercantile** has been operated by the Veterans Transition Center, and now provides job training programs at the store, while directing proceeds to housing and supportive services for homeless and previously incarcerated veterans; and

WHEREAS, Last Chance Mercantile was honored with the 2024 Golden Arrow Award from the California Product Stewardship Council for its "dedication to creating a circular economy, educating the community on reuse, and supporting veterans"; and

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors commends **Last Chance Mercantile** during Zero Waste Month and International E-Waste Day for its many years of public service to the community, its support for local and homeless veterans, its environmental leadership in waste diversion, and its role in providing affordable goods that benefit Monterey County residents;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, recognize and honor **Last Chance Mercantile** for its extraordinary contributions to environmental sustainability, veteran support, and community service, and declares October 14, 2025, **International E-Waste Day** as a day of recognition for its leadership and positive impact on the residents of Monterey County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 14th day of October 2025


Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez


Vice Chair Supervisor Wendy Root Askew


Supervisor Glenn Church


Supervisor Luis A. Alejo


Supervisor Kate Daniels

