



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 24-299

Adopt a resolution honoring Lázaro Pérez for his remarkable heroism, which resulted in saving a young life..... )

WHEREAS, Lázaro Pérez, a courageous thirteen-year-old resident of Lompoc, California, and student at Lompoc Valley Middle School, demonstrated extraordinary bravery on Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at Lake Nacimiento Resort when he rescued a seven-year-old child who had fallen into the water without a life vest; and

WHEREAS, upon witnessing the child submerge and fail to resurface, Lázaro Pérez, without hesitation, swam to the child and successfully brought him to shore saving the child's life; and

WHEREAS, In the United States, an average of 3,500 to 4,000 people drown per year which is an average of ten fatal drownings per day and it is estimated that children five to seventeen years old are more likely to drown in natural water, such as ponds or lakes; and

WHEREAS, the quick and selfless actions of Lázaro Pérez are an inspiring example of heroism, reminding us of the importance of water safety and the value of preparedness, especially in communities surrounded by natural bodies of water; and

WHEREAS, Lázaro Pérez is a young man who enjoys exercise and aspires to serve his community in the future, with dreams of becoming a firefighter or police officer, roles in which he could continue to protect and save lives; and

WHEREAS, Lázaro Pérez's parents, Nancy Pérez, and Joel Puente, are to be commended for raising such a responsible and brave young man who has already made a significant positive impact on his community at such a young age.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Monterey County, on behalf of the County and all its residents thereof, hereby recognizes and honors Lázaro Pérez for his extraordinary heroism, commends his swift actions that resulted in the saving of a young life, and wishes him continued success in all his future endeavors to serve and protect his community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024

Chair Supervisor Glenn Church

Vice Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez

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Supervisor Wendy Root Askew

Supervisor Mary L. Adams

