

Monterey County Board of Supervisors

Resolution

Resolution No.: 20-284

Resolution honoring the life of Ezzard "Dread" McCall..... )

WHEREAS, Ezzard "Dread" McCall was born in Louisiana in 1954 and thereafter moved to California as a child; and

WHEREAS, Ezzard "Dread" McCall graduated from North Salinas High School in 1974 where he played football and was on the wrestling team and later attended Hartnell College; and

WHEREAS, Ezzard "Dread" McCall enlisted in the Marine Corps serving from 1974 to 1977 and was a Vietnam Recon Veteran and it was during his time in the military that he started taking photos; and

WHEREAS, Ezzard "Dread" McCall was described as a very quiet person with statement dreadlocks and he often let his photos do the talking for him; and

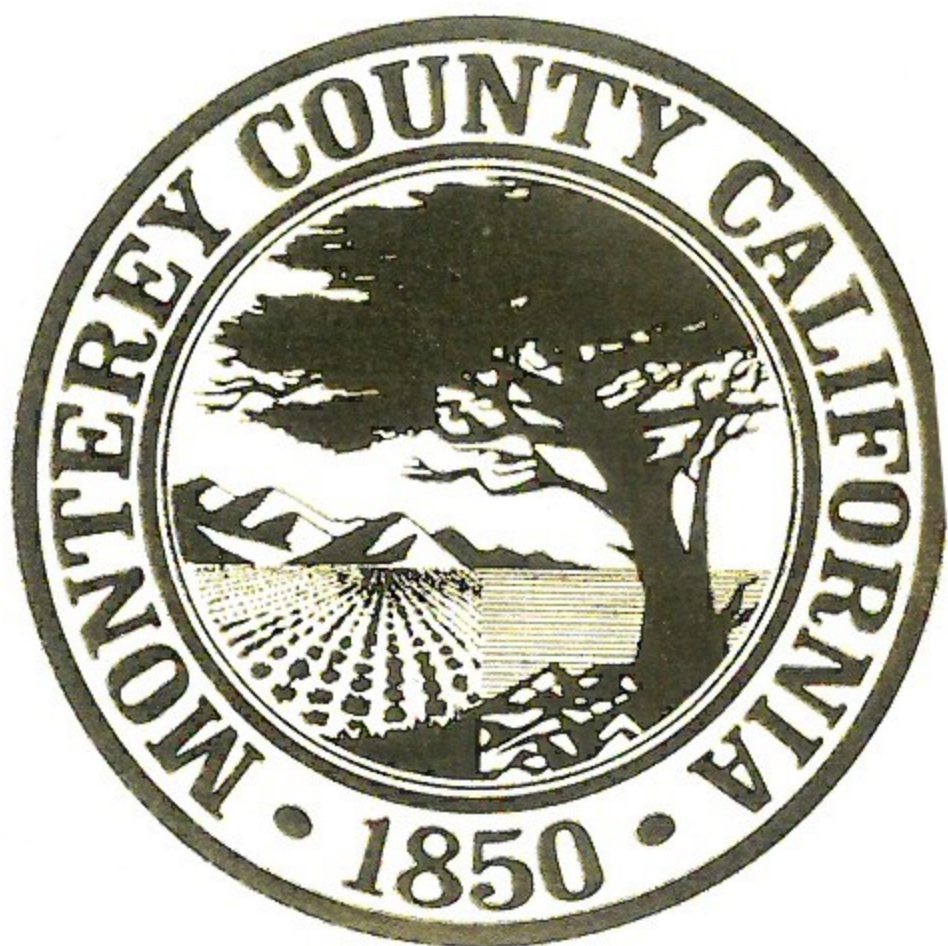
WHEREAS, Ezzard "Dread" McCall collaborated with many Arts Council activities over the years while documenting the Salinas Living Poetry and Prose Project and Voices of the Street/Voces de la Calle, the homeless paper out of Salinas Chinatown as a community photojournalist; and

WHEREAS, Ezzard "Dread" McCall was very generous with his time and his photos in publishing projects from Voices of the Street/Voces de la Calle to books by Rita Acosta and Pamela Weston documenting homeless efforts for self-governance and resiliency in the face of death and life's many challenges; and

WHEREAS, a Facebook post by Dread himself states: "For as we walk, we're not worrying about death. For as we live, we step closer to the beginning. Today, we shall celebrate the losses, yet the beginning of a new life of understanding the purpose of spirit...Today we shall give back, through the giving of not forgetting. That through their walk of touching others we have touched the world without leaving the valley of the eastside."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, hereby acknowledges the life of Ezzard "Dread" McCall.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 1st day of September 2020.



Supervisor Chris Lopez, Chair
Supervisor Jane Parker, Vice Chair
Supervisor Luis A. Alejo
Supervisor John M. Phillips
Supervisor Mary L. Adams