

County of Monterey

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 25-062

Adopt a resolution designating the Week of March 18 – 22, 2025)
as National Public Defender Week in Monterey County.....)

WHEREAS, Sunday, March 18, 2025, marks the 62nd anniversary of *Gideon v. Wainwright*, and the tenth nationwide celebration of Public Defense Week; and,

WHEREAS, The County of Monterey Public Defenders Office is joining forces with national, state, and county-wide public defense offices and other indigent defense organizations to celebrate and commemorate this historic event; and

WHEREAS, Sixty-two years ago, when the U.S Supreme Court decided the landmark case of *Gideon v. Wainwright*, a right to counsel for people too poor to afford to hire an attorney was established; and

WHEREAS, The County of Monterey Public Defender Office aims to raise public awareness about the vital, committed, and exceptional work carried out by everyone in the indigent defense community on behalf of their clients every day; and

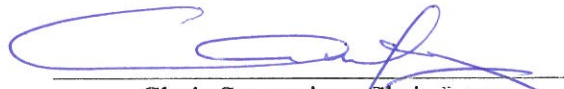
WHEREAS, Regardless of their specific roles- be it public defenders, private defense attorneys, paralegals, investigators, legal processors, secretary’s social worker, or private advocates – each of them is a champion in the fight against social injustice, abuse of power, and the inequities in our criminal justice system; and


WHEREAS, Public defenders diligently advocate for individuals to uphold and restore their human dignity and values while safeguarding their legal and human rights; and


WHEREAS, Public Defenders are committed to ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to exercise their constitutional right to counsel, standing at the forefront of today’s most significant civil rights battles.

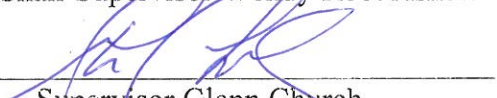
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, proclaim March 18th, 2025, as National Public Defender Day.

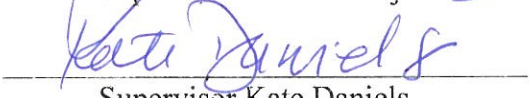
PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 18th day of March 2025


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