

RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 25-388

Adopt a resolution recognizing **Ventures** for 35 years of service) to the North Monterey County Community......

WHEREAS, Ventures partners with rural working-class families in California's Central Coast to ensure that individuals understand and use their economic and political power; and

WHEREAS, from building family savings to advocating for a living wage, Ventures' approach to financial literacy builds community and connects financial stability, wealth building, and self-determination; and

WHEREAS, Ventures conducts several transformational programs including *Futuro*, which offers a business structure and network that aims to be worker-owned and cooperative, providing income and wealth building for working-class families, especially focused on women and immigrant workers; and

WHEREAS, Familias con Mas provides financial education and advocacy to help rural working-class families by training them in understanding, managing, and saving money; and

WHEREAS, Familias con Mas includes the Alas program. Alas means wings in Spanish and is a six-month program that provides guaranteed income alongside leadership, and financial stability training to build self-determination and financial well-being in communities; and

WHEREAS, Ventures's Semilitas program invests in Pajaro children's educational future by creating automatic college savings accounts at birth; studies show that children with these kinds of accounts are three times more likely to go to college and four times more likely to graduate, no matter how much is in the account.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors on behalf of all the County and its residents, thereof, hereby recognizes Ventures's work over the last 35 years to recognize, acknowledge, and value community members' leadership in building financial literacy and confidence.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 21st day of October 2025

Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez

Vice Chair Supervisor Worldy Root Askew

Supervisor Glenn Church

Supervisor Luis A. Alejo

Supervisor Kate Daniels