Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the County of Monterey, State of California

Resolution No.:

Adopt Resolution Proclaiming the Week of April 6- April 12, 2025 as **National Crime Victims' Rights Week** in the County of Monterey.

WHEREAS, this year's National Crime Victims' Rights Week spotlights "Connection, Kinship, and Healing" and encourages our community to recognize that shared humanity should be at the center of supporting all survivors and victims of crime;

WHEREAS, crime affects individuals, families, and communities in profound and varied ways, often leaving lasting physical, emotional, and social challenges;

WHEREAS, the concept of kinship underscores the connections that build bridges to support, access to services, and shared strength among survivors, advocates, and communities;

WHEREAS, kinship is the foundation of victim advocacy, and inspires trauma-informed care that meets survivors where they are;

WHEREAS, through kinship, we build peer networks and community alliances that empower survivors, foster resilience, and offer pathways to healing;

WHEREAS, kinship reminds us of the strength that comes from connection, the importance of listening to every voice, and the power we have to create lasting change when we work together;

WHEREAS, the District Attorney's Office, County of Monterey, has established an active Victim Assistance Program which has been assisting victims and witnesses of crime for over **forty-seven** years;

WHEREAS, in 2024, the County of Monterey, District Attorney's Office, Victims of Crime Unit, provided **31,214** mandated services to over **3,659** new crime victims;

WHEREAS, the County of Monterey is hereby reaffirming our dedication to building connections, standing in kinship with survivors, and creating a future where healing and hope are within reach for everyone.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, hereby reaffirms the commitment to supporting victims of crime during National Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year; and express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for those community members, victim service providers, and criminal justice professionals who are committed to improving our responses to all victims of crime so that they may find relevant assistance, support, justice, and peace.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this day of 2024, upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES: NOES: **ABSENT**:

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book for the meeting on _____.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors County of Monterey, State of California

By_____ Deputy