



County of Monterey

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 26-121

Adopt a resolution proclaiming May 10 - 16, 2026, as **Hospital Week** in Monterey)
County and expressing appreciation to the staff of Natividad Medical Center for)
their dedicated and mission-driven care.....)

WHEREAS, Hospital Week, whose 2026 theme is **Healing Happens Here**, is an annual celebration highlighting the contributions of hospitals, health care providers and professionals in improving the health and well-being of our communities; and

WHEREAS, during the week of May 10 - 16, 2026, we honor the unwavering commitment of the staff of Natividad, who play an essential role in the mission to continually monitor and improve the health of all people in Monterey County, including its most vulnerable residents, through coordinated, affordable, high-quality health care; and

WHEREAS the first public hospital, now known as Natividad Medical Center, was established in 1844 under contract to the Mexican government on the outskirts of Monterey; and

WHEREAS, this year Natividad celebrates 140 years of caring for our community, having first opened its doors in January 1886 as a 69-bed hospital on a 62.9-acre parcel acquired by the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the staff at Natividad have demonstrated exceptional dedication to their mission, serving about 60,000 individuals in the Emergency Department and welcoming nearly 2,200 newborns during fiscal year 2025. Their tireless efforts have saved countless lives, brought joy to families throughout Monterey County, and made a lasting impact on the health of our community; and

WHEREAS, Natividad has achieved recognition for excellence in patient care, including an "A" Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade for both spring and fall 2025, illustrating their commitment to safety and reducing preventable harm; and

WHEREAS, the Trauma Center at Natividad, having recently earned the highest level of surgical re-verification from the American College of Surgeons, has served Central California for 11 years, providing 24/7 specialized trauma care for the most critically and severely injured patients, close to home; and

WHEREAS, the American College of Surgeons National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (ACS NSQIP®) has recognized Natividad as one of 76 ACS NSQIP participating hospitals nationally that have achieved meritorious outcomes for surgical patient care; and

WHEREAS, the Sam Karas Acute Rehabilitation Center at Natividad was named one of America's Best Physical Rehabilitation Centers for 2024 and 2025 by Newsweek, exemplifying the high standards of rehabilitation services and commitment to patient recovery; and

WHEREAS, Natividad earned recognition in U.S. News & World Report for its equitable maternity services and was designated a Top Hospital for Maternity Care 2025 and is a Baby-Friendly® Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Natividad's extensive education programs train physicians, nurses and many other health professionals and students across disciplines every year, and its UCSF-affiliated Family Medicine Residency program has been preparing graduates to meet the needs of underserved communities since 1975; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims May 10-16, 2026, as **Hospital Week** in Monterey County and expresses its heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to the staff of Natividad for their mission-driven care and dedication to improving the health of our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board encourages all residents of Monterey County to recognize and honor the vital contributions of healthcare professionals and support efforts to ensure accessible, high-quality care for all.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 12th day of May 2026

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