

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

Resolution No.

Proclaim the week of March 15 through March 21, 2020 as **National Public Defender Week** in Monterey County

WHEREAS, The Monterey County Public Defender Office is joining forces with National, State and County-wide celebration of National Public Defense Week; and

WHEREAS, fifty-seven years ago, when the US 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 Monterey County Public Defender Office hopes to create public awareness to highlight the important, dedicated, excellent and diligent work that everyone in the indigent defense community does every day on behalf of their clients; and

WHEREAS, whether it be public defenders, private defense attorneys, paralegals, investigators, legal processors, secretaries, social workers or private advocates, they are all warriors against social injustice, abuse of power, inequities, and inequality in our criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, public defenders work hard and zealously advocate for people in order to restore and affirm their human dignity and values, and to vindicate their legal and human rights; and

WHEREAS, public defenders are dedicated to ensuring everyone exercises their Constitutional right to counsel and are on the front lines of today's greatest civil rights struggles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Monterey County, on behalf of the County and all its residents thereof, hereby proclaims the week of March 15 through 21, 2020 as **National Public Defender Week** and express our appreciation of those who advocate to build a more just and equitable society.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this __ day of ____ 2020, upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____ by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Valeria 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:

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

By _____ Deputy