

County of Monterey

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 25-387
Adopt a resolution proclaiming **October 20–26, 2025** as)
Free Speech Week in Monterey County.....)

WHEREAS, the First Amendment to the United States Constitution guarantees the fundamental rights of freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of religion, the right to peaceably assemble, and the right to petition the government for a redress of grievances; and

WHEREAS, **Free Speech Week** is observed annually across the United States to highlight the importance of free expression as the cornerstone of democracy and civic life; and

WHEREAS, open dialogue, robust debate, and the free exchange of ideas are essential to the functioning of a healthy democracy and to the well-being of our diverse community; and

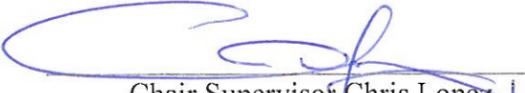
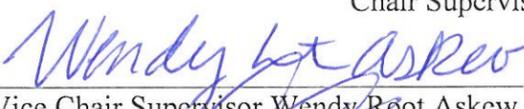
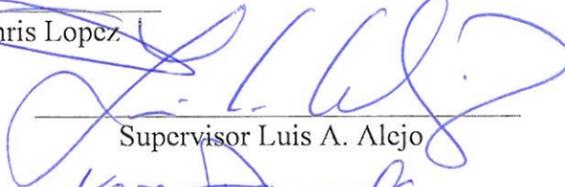
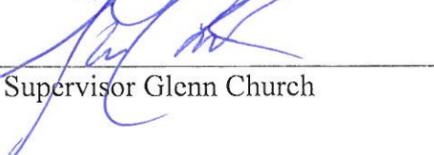
WHEREAS, Monterey County is home to a rich tapestry of voices, cultures, and perspectives, and the protection of free expression ensures that all residents are heard and valued; and

WHEREAS, the County of Monterey reaffirms its commitment to uphold, defend, and protect these constitutional freedoms for all who live, work, and visit here; and

WHEREAS, **Free Speech Week** provides an opportunity to reflect on the vital role of free expression in our schools, workplaces, media, and civic institutions, and to encourage respectful discourse in our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors hereby declares the week of **October 20–26, 2025**, as **Free Speech Week** in Monterey County, and encourages residents, organizations, educational institutions, and community partners to celebrate and safeguard the freedoms guaranteed under the First Amendment.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 21st day of October 2025

		
	Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez	
		
Vice Chair Supervisor Wendy Root Askew		Supervisor Luis A. Alejo
		
Supervisor Glenn Church		Supervisor Kate Daniels

