

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt Resolution Proclaiming March 2023 as “**Women’s History Month**” in Monterey County and Celebrating March 8th as “**International Women’s Day**”

WHEREAS, Women of every race, class, and ethnic background make contributions to the growth and strength of our county in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, Women play critical economic, cultural, and social roles in every sphere of life, constituting a significant portion of the labor force, working both in and out of the home, as well as courageously serving in our nation’s Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, Women are leaders, serving in the forefront of progressing social change movements, securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, and fighting for the rights of others to create a more just and equitable society for all; and

WHEREAS, Despite these contributions, the role of women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and study of American history, including the leadership of heroes like Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth, Lucy Stone, Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Harriet Tubman, Alice Paul, Wilma Mankiller, Emma Tenayuca, among many other women leaders who struggled for equality; and

WHEREAS, American women’s history takes a new look at all that has transpired since our nation’s founding and tells the story of our shared past from a different perspective, not rewriting history, but presenting and expanding a version of history that recognizes and honors the accomplishments of remarkable women; and

WHEREAS, The National Women’s History Project, a non-profit educational organization, was set up in 1980 to recognize and celebrate the diverse and significant historical accomplishments of women, and successfully lobbied Congress in 1987 to designate every March as National Women’s History Month; and

WHEREAS, The National Women’s History Project has selected, “***Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories,***” as this year’s annual theme to bring attention and to honor women for their unrelenting and inspirational persistence, demonstrating the power of voice, fighting against all forms of discrimination against women and girls, and shaping America’s history and our future; and

WHEREAS, Despite the advancements of women in the Monterey County and that female persons constitute 49 percent of our county residents, much remains to be done to ensure that women realize their full potential as equal members of society; and

WHEREAS, The County of Monterey has significantly expanded its numbers of women in top county leadership roles, including two county supervisors, all five countywide elected officials and sixteen department heads: County Supervisors Wendy Root Askew and Mary Adams, Sheriff Tina Nieto, District Attorney Jeannine Pascioni, County Assessor-Recorder Xochitl Marina Camacho, County Treasurer-Tax Collector Mary Zeeb, County Auditor-Controller Rupah Shah, County CAO Sonia De La Rosa, Clerk of the Board Valerie Ralph, UC Cooperative Extension Director Maria de la Fuente, Elections Department Registrar of Voters Gina Martinez, Emergency Communications Director Lee Ann Magoski, Health Department Director Elsa

Jimenez, Human Resources Department Director Irma Ramirez-Bough, Library Director Hillary Theyer, Public Defender Susan Chapman, and Social Services Director Lori Medina; and

WHEREAS, The Monterey County Board of Supervisors have five women Chiefs-of-Staff to lead all of its offices, including Linda Gonzalez for District 1, Marilyn Vierra for District 2, Priscilla Barba for District 3, Yuri Anderson for District 4 and Sarah Hardgrave for District 5.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey does hereby proclaim the month of March 2023 as “**Women’s History Month**” in Monterey County and Celebrates March 8th as “International Women’s Day,” and urges all residents to observe, celebrate and learn about the leadership and many notable contributions that women have made in Monterey County and beyond.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2023, 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 _____, 2023.

Dated:

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

By _____
Deputy