

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

Resolution No.

Resolution proclaiming the month of May 2019.....)
as **Older Americans Month** in Monterey County.....)

WHEREAS, the County of Monterey is home to a growing community of older Americans deserving of recognition for their continuing contributions and sacrifices; and

WHEREAS, older Americans are the fastest growing segment of our population; and

WHEREAS, according to the California Department of Aging, Monterey County is projected to have an overall increase of 157% in our population aged 60 and over between 2010 and 2060; and

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors is committed to helping all individuals live long and healthy lives in the communities of their choice for as long as possible; and

WHEREAS, since beginning in 1965, the Older Americans Act has provided critical support services to help older adults live with independence and dignity, and now this funding no longer keeps pace with the growing demand for services, state funding has been drastically reduced, and block grants that erode the safety net are threatened; and these threatened safety net programs provide a variety of essential services to a diverse, underserved population such as family caregiver support, home-delivered meals, legal counseling, Medicare counseling, and addressing neglect, exploitation and abuse of older adults; and

WHEREAS, the Administration for Community Living leads our nations observance of Older Americans Month and has declared the 2019 theme, “**Connect, Create, Contribute**” encourages older adults and their communities to:

- **Connect** with friends, family and services that support participation
- **Create** by engaging in activities that promote learning, health and personal enrichment
- **Contribute** time, talent, and life experience to benefit others; and

WHEREAS, our community can provide opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals of all ages by supporting and engaging older Americans, recognizing their voices and acknowledging their unique contributions and experiences, involving older adults in planning events and activities, and providing opportunities to learn, lead and mentor. Indeed, we need to assure that these older adults--the fastest growing segment of our population--have the resources they need to function in their communities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all its citizens thereof, hereby proclaims the month of May 2019 as Older Americans Month, urging every resident to take time this month to celebrate older adults, and the people who serve and support them as powerful and vital individuals who greatly contribute to the community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this _____ day of _____, 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