

## RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 25-333	
Adopt a resolution honoring Suicide Prevention Service - A Program of	)
Family Service Agency of the Central Coast during Suicide Awareness	)
Month and recognizing the importance of the 988 Suicide & Crisis	)
Lifeline.	)

WHEREAS, September is recognized nationally as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, a time dedicated to raising awareness about suicide prevention, reducing stigma surrounding mental health, and reminding all people that help, hope, and healing are possible; and

WHEREAS, Suicide Prevention Service recognizes that suicide is a leading cause of death in the United States, impacting individuals, families, and communities, and prevention requires the collective effort of health care providers, educators, advocates, and neighbors working together; and

WHEREAS, Suicide Prevention Service has provided vital resources, compassionate care, crisis intervention, and educational outreach for decades, saving lives and offering a lifeline to individuals and families in need; and

WHEREAS, the launch of the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline has created an easy-to-remember, three-digit number for anyone experiencing a mental health crisis, substance use crisis, or emotional distress to receive immediate and confidential support; and

WHEREAS, Suicide Prevention Service plays a critical role in answering 988 calls locally, connecting people to trained counselors, resources, and follow-up support, ensuring that Monterey County residents can access life-saving services when they need them most; and

WHEREAS, the County of Monterey recognizes that promoting the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, alongside the efforts of Suicide Prevention Service is essential in building awareness, saving lives, and fostering a healthier, more resilient community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors on behalf of all the County and its residents thereof, hereby honors Suicide Prevention Service – A Program of Family Service Agency of the Central Coast during Suicide Prevention Awareness Month for their steadfast dedication to saving lives, supporting survivors, and strengthening mental health resources for our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors urges all residents to remember and share the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline as a vital resource, and to join in collective efforts to end stigma, encourage open conversations, and support individuals and families impacted by suicide.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025

Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez

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