

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

**Resolution No.:**

Adopt Resolution Honoring **Communities Organized for Relational Power in Action (COPA)** on its 20th Anniversary.

**WHEREAS, COPA** was initially founded in 2003 by faith, labor and civil leaders who wanted to take an active role in the democratic process and in the future of their communities; and

**WHEREAS, COPA's** goal is always to build power with, as opposed to power over; power based on relationships between diverse institutions and communities and a shared interest in having a strong public voice; and

**WHEREAS, COPA** has been an advocate for the funding that has kept the Salinas Public Libraries open; and

**WHEREAS, COPA** has worked with local institutions and funders to build hundreds of units of affordable housing; and

**WHEREAS, COPA** has been a flag bearer to secure and expand the launch of "Esperanza Care" so thousands of low income and undocumented families can have access to medical care; and

**WHEREAS, COPA** fought for the creation of the VIDA project which has created over 100+ community health workers positions which helps low income and vulnerable communities get access to medical resources information; and

**WHEREAS, During the Covid-19 pandemic COPA** worked statewide to ensure undocumented families could get access to the help they needed by making them eligible for assistance; and

**WHEREAS, The most important measure of COPA's** success is always the development of new leaders who take charge of their own communities and their own futures.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, hereby joins the community in honoring **Communities Organized for Relational Power in Action (COPA)** on its 20th Anniversary and thanks them for its significant contribution to the County of Monterey.

**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