

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt Resolution Proclaiming the Week of **March 12-18, 2023, as National Public Defender Week** in Monterey County

WHEREAS, The Monterey County Public Defender's Office is joining forces with national, state and county-wide celebration of National Public Defender Week; and

WHEREAS, Sixty years ago the United States Supreme Court decided the landmark case of *Gideon v Wainwright* that enshrined the right to counsel for people who could not afford to hire an attorney; and

WHEREAS, The Monterey County Public Defender's Office hopes to create public awareness to highlight the important, dedicated, excellent diligent work that everyone in the indigent defense community does every day on behalf of their clients; be it public defenders, alternate defenders, private defense attorneys, paralegals, investigators, legal secretaries and administration, social workers or private advocates, they are all warriors against social injustice, abuse of power, inequities in our criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, Public defenders are committed and zealous advocates for their clients in order to restore and affirm their human dignity and values, and to vindicate their legal and human rights; and

WHEREAS, Public defenders are dedicated to ensuring everyone exercises their constitutional right to counsel and are on the front lines of today's greatest civil rights struggles.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, hereby recognize **March 12-18, 2023, as National Public Defender Week**; and express our appreciation to all the dedicated staff and attorneys of the Monterey County Public Defender's Office for their exemplary work for their clients and for advocating to build a more just and equitable society for all.

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