



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 24-343

Adopt a resolution declaring every October 12, as Indigenous Peoples Day in Monterey County.....)

WHEREAS, The cultural and governmental contributions of the Indigenous Peoples of Monterey County have shaped the course of the county throughout history; and

WHEREAS, Monterey County Native Americans, including Ohlone Costanoan, Esselen, Rumsien, Salinan and Amah Mutsun Nations, and other Indigenous Peoples have contributed and continue to contribute immeasurably to our county's history, diversity, economy, and culture by distinguishing themselves as academics, entrepreneurs, professionals and leaders, to name a few, and have contributed over thirteen-thousand years of cultural, economic and environmental traditions to the history of the Monterey Bay Region; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples Day is celebrated by tribes and communities across our nation, and is a day for educators to teach factual Indigenous history; and

WHEREAS, The County of Monterey recognizes that Indigenous Nations lived upon lands since time immemorial and values the progress our society has achieved through contributions of Indigenous Peoples in technology, business, law, medicine, education, the arts and the United States Armed Forces, to name just a few; and

WHEREAS, The County of Monterey understands that to help heal and close the wounds incurred throughout history, government entities should change policies and practices to reflect the experiences of Indigenous Peoples, and uplift our county's Indigenous roots, history and contributions; and

WHEREAS, The County of Monterey recognizes the unique history and historical knowledge of the local native Indigenous Peoples whose customs and traditions are respected and celebrated as part of the rich legacy throughout our area; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples Day was first proposed in 1977, by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and

WHEREAS, As the County of Monterey joins a growing number of local governments that have recognized Indigenous Peoples Day, creating opportunity to promote appreciation, tolerance, understanding, friendship, among Indigenous Peoples and all county residents; and

WHEREAS, The Pajaro Valley Ohlone Indian Council (PVOIC) was formed to protect sacred sites and works with government officials, tribal persons, archaeologists, and others to find ways to preserve the burials and prevent desecration; and

WHEREAS, The Pajaro Valley Ohlone Indian Council (PVOIC) is committed to preserve traditional Ohlone culture and promotes health awareness as well as prevention issues facing Native American Communities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, proclaims every October 12, as Indigenous Peoples Day in Monterey County and encourages all residents to participate in appropriate observances with activities that celebrate and commemorate Indigenous Peoples.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 8th day of October 2024



Chair Supervisor Glenn Church

Vice Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez

Supervisor Luis Aljio

Supervisor Wendy Root Askew

Supervisor Mary L. Adams

