

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt Resolution honoring the life of _____)
Bishop Richard J. Garcia.....)

WHEREAS, Bishop Garcia was born in San Francisco to Manuel Garcia and Anita Maria Adame, immigrants from Jalisco, Mexico on April 24, 1947 and passed away on July 11, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Garcia attended Saint Joseph College in Mountain View and St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park, where he completed his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained as a priest in 1973 for the Archdiocese of San Francisco at Sacred Heart Parish in San Jose; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Garcia pursued doctoral studies in Dogmatic Theology in Rome from 1980-1984, and served on the faculties of both the college and graduate seminaries at St. Patrick's from 1985 to 1992; and

WHEREAS, In 1981, with the creation of the Diocese of San Jose, he continued to serve as a priest in Santa Clara County. He served as an associate pastor at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Morgan Hill, served as the Vocations Director and the Vicar for Clergy before being appointed pastor of St. Leo the Great Parish in San Jose in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Garcia was appointed by Pope Benedict XVI in 2006 and installed as the fourth ordinary Bishop of the Diocese of Monterey in 2007 at a mass celebrated by Cardinal Roger Mahoney; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Garcia served as the Chairman of the Restorative Justice Committee for the California Catholic Conference of Bishops, served as chairman of Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc., was a member of the Catholic Relief Services, and was also a member of Migration and Refugee Services, Subcommittee on Hispanic Affairs and the Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Garcia helped the poor, apologized to native peoples, ministered to migrant workers, immigrants, and the incarcerated, while helping to weave the fabric of the church with many colors and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, In 2017, Garcia became one of the driving force behind Monterey Bay Community Power, an effort to create an agency to provide electricity to all residents of Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz counties.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT AND RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all citizens thereof, to honor the life of **Bishop Richard J. Garcia** and his dedication to making Monterey County and California a more just, fair and peaceful place for all of its residents.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this ____ day of ____ 2018, upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____ 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