

Monterey County Board of Supervisors

Resolution

Resolution No.: 23-163

Adopt Resolution Proclaiming the Month, May 2023, as Older Americans Act Month in Monterey County Recognizing the National Theme of "Aging Unbound" Offering Opportunities to Explore Diverse Aging and Open the Discussion of How Communities Can Combat Aging Stereotypes.....

WHEREAS, The Older Americans Act, OAA, was initiated in 1963, signed into law in 1965, incrementally reauthorized through the fiscal-year 2024 and was supplementally funded with an additional allocation approved by the 116th Congress of the United States in March, 2020 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, with a fixed sunset date of March 1, 2023 for several crucial programs; and

WHEREAS, The initial stated purpose of the OAA was to ensure the goal of supporting older Americans recognizing their choice to live in their homes, with independence, dignity and honor, for as long as possible in their chosen community; and

WHEREAS, The OAA is considered to be a major vehicle for the organization and delivery of social and nutritional services to our Older Americans and their caregivers through the Area Agencies on Aging, and where annual OAA investments in federal aging services programs has not kept pace with the growth in the number of our diverse older population, as they suffer from disproportionate and indiscriminate cuts; and

WHEREAS, The most recent reauthorization of the OAA funding included provisions to remove barriers due to aging but was exacerbated by the COVID-19 Pandemic that significantly reduced valued resources which may have bridged Health with Home Services and Inclusion avoiding Isolation; and

WHEREAS, The County of Monterey is home to a well-versed community of older individuals, as every community is stronger when its people are uniquely different due to age, culture and ethnicity thus encouraging participation in the discussion of "Aging Unbound" to address aging stereotype; and

WHEREAS, The Monterey County Board of Supervisors further recognizes the extraordinary impact of its older population that continually provide fundamental services to our uniquely diverse communities enriching the lives of all persons in our County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, hereby joins the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council in recognizing the month of May, 2023 as Older Americans Act Month, urging every resident to take time to celebrate older individuals and the people who serve them as powerful and vital individuals who contribute greatly to our Monterey County communities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 16th day of May 2023



Handwritten signatures of Chair Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, Vice Chair Supervisor Glenn Church, Supervisor Chris Lopez, Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, and Supervisor Mary L. Adams.