

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt Resolution Proclaiming the Week of August 28, 2023, through September 1, 2023 as **Community Health Worker (CHW) Awareness Week** in Monterey County, Which Honors and Thanks Community Health Workers and Increases Awareness of Community Health Worker Identity, Role, Impact on Communities, Leadership and to Encourage Promotion of Policies That Respect, Protect, and Authentically Partner with The Community Health Worker profession.

WHEREAS, The National Association of Community Health Workers (NACHW) has developed the first-ever national campaign to celebrate and commemorate Community Health Workers (CHWs) during the week of August 28, 2023 through September 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Community Health Workers (CHWs) are individuals who are frontline public health workers who are trusted members of and/or have an unusually close understanding of the community they serve; and

WHEREAS, “CHW” is an umbrella term, that can include promotoras, community health representatives and over 90 other job titles, and under this umbrella term, for many decades, CHWs have remained a unique workforce, diverse in ethnicity, language, and culture and recognized as health professionals by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA); and

WHEREAS, CHWs play a crucial role in societal healthcare efforts, as documented in countless randomized control trials, systematic reviews, and ROI studies of CHW interventions and are increasingly recognized for their contributions to addressing racial equity and the social determinants of health by connecting individuals to basic needs and by organizing communities to address inequitable social conditions; and

WHEREAS, At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the US Department of Homeland Security deemed CHWs essential and critical infrastructure workers and in Monterey County, the Virus Integrated Distribution of Aid (VIDA) was a local example of the role CHWs played to support the reduction of COVID-19 morbidity and mortality inequities for vulnerable communities, saving lives, and contributing to the County’s recovery from the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, CHWs are a precarious workforce and need improved policy and legal supports to improve their sustainability, professional development, career ladders and recognition for their integral role in reducing health inequities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, hereby proclaims the week of August 28, 2023 through September 1, 2023 as **Community Health Worker (CHW) Awareness Week**, and encourages the many community, agency, and business partners to support local, state, and national efforts that improve policies that respect, protect, and authentically partner with the CHW profession and recognizes it as a vital local workforce in Monterey County, the state, and across our nation and an important driver to reduce racial health inequities.

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