



— BOARD OF SUPERVISORS —

RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 24-263

Adopt a resolution honoring **Downtown Book & Sound**)
during **Banned Books Week, August 18-24, 2024**.....)

WHEREAS, **Banned Books Week** was launched in 1982 in response to a sudden surge in the number of challenges to books in libraries, bookstores, and schools; and

WHEREAS, **Banned Books Week** focuses on efforts to remove or restrict access to books, and draw national attention to the harms of censorship; and

WHEREAS, **Downtown Book & Sound** was founded to fill the community need for a new and used book store in Nobel prize-winning author John Steinbeck's hometown – Salinas, California; and

WHEREAS, **Downtown Book & Sound** is a source for local and historical knowledge-sharing between residents and tourists alike; and

WHEREAS, **Downtown Book & Sound** provides a communal safe space for children and adults alike to study; and

WHEREAS, **Downtown Book & Sound** is an accessible public space where members of the community can gather, collaborate, and engage in public programs; and

WHEREAS, **Downtown Book & Sound** has hosted over two hundred free author, book, and poetry events during their five-year history.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, honors **Downtown Book & Sound** during **Banned Books Week, August 18-24, 2024** for creating a communal space for residents and tourists alike to come together, enhancing community well-being.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 13th day of August 2024


Chair Supervisor Glenn Church


Vice Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez


Supervisor Luis Alejo


Supervisor Wendy Root Askew


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