

Resolution No.:

Adopt a resolution recognizing **National Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Day** as March 19, 2025

WHEREAS, the **Small Business Development Center (SBDC)** network provides critical services to small businesses and entrepreneurs across the nation, helping them thrive through expert advising, training, and resources that foster economic growth and job creation; and

WHEREAS, the **Central Coast SBDC**, headquartered in Salinas, has been at the forefront of supporting small businesses in Monterey and San Benito Counties by providing guidance and resources that help entrepreneurs start, grow, and sustain their businesses; and

WHEREAS, the **Central Coast SBDC** operates Outreach Centers in Soledad and Monterey, in partnership with the City of Soledad and the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, and is proudly hosted by the Monterey County Business Council, ensuring access to vital resources for entrepreneurs and small business owners in our communities; and

WHEREAS, **National SBDC Day**, celebrated annually on the third Wednesday of March, serves as a national platform to acknowledge and celebrate the work of nearly 1,000 SBDCs across the country, and to highlight the positive impact they have on local economies through job creation, business growth, and community development; and

WHEREAS, since its inception in 2017, **National SBDC Day** has been a day to recognize the collective efforts of the SBDC network in helping to start a new business every 38 minutes, supporting the creation of 83,329 new jobs, and driving \$6.2 billion in financing for small businesses; and

WHEREAS, the **Central Coast SBDC** has been a key partner in fostering entrepreneurship, helping small businesses navigate challenges, secure funding, and expand their operations to create a vibrant and sustainable local economy in Monterey and San Benito Counties.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors recognizes and commends the **Central Coast Small Business Development Center** for its ongoing dedication to supporting small businesses in Monterey and San Benito Counties and hereby proclaims **March 19, 2025** as **National Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Day** in the County of Monterey.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this ___ day of ___ 2025, 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