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

RESOLUTION NO.:
Adopt a resolution proclaiming the **Month, May 2025**, as **Older Americans Month** in Monterey County recognizing the Administration for Community Living (ACL) and its national theme, "**Flip the Script on Aging."** This theme focuses on the transformation of how society perceives aging and encourages one to challenge stereotypes. It highlights opportunities for engagement to make life better so that we can live where we choose, in communities that are age friendly and disability friendly.

WHEREAS, the Older Americans Act (OAA), also referred to as the "Act," was initiated in 1963 and signed into law in 1965. It is recognized as the first federal-level initiative aimed at providing comprehensive services for older adults. Subsequent reauthorizations have expanded and enhanced the reach of the "Act," which has been incrementally reauthorized eighteen (18) times, with supplemental funding and allocations; and

WHEREAS, *The Master Plan for Aging***,** a ten-year plan serving as a *Blueprint for Aging*, was signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom in June 2019. It identifies five bold goals: Housing for All Ages and Stages, Health Reimagined, Inclusion and Equity, Not Isolation, Caregiving that Works, and Affordable Aging, along with twenty-three (23) strategies, focusing on building a California for all residents by 2030; and

WHEREAS, the "Act" serves as a vital framework for organizing, delivering, and expanding social, nutritional, and connectivity services to older adults, individuals with disabilities, isolated populations, and caregivers through Area Agencies on Aging and Independent Living Centers. Despite increasing demand, aging and disability service networks continue to face disproportionate funding cuts and systemic barriers, which particularly impact marginalized populations seeking essential social services and support; and

WHEREAS, the County of Monterey Area Agency on Aging, along with its affiliated service providers, have been diligently conducting outreach to older adults and persons with disabilities living in rural, isolated, and/or underserved areas, and caregivers to assess their needs, while empowering and energizing them to contribute their expertise and take on leadership roles to help shape and strengthen their communities for the future; and

WHEREAS, the American Association of Retired People (AARP) now recognizes the County of Monterey as an official member of their "National Network of Age Friendly States and Communities"; and

WHEREAS, the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors further recognizes the extraordinary impact of its growing older population and affirms that every community thrives when all individuals are empowered, valued, and actively engaged for the common good, encouraging participation in discussions on lifespan longevity; and the continuation of fundamental services to our uniquely diverse communities enriches the lives of all people in Monterey County; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County of Monterey and all its citizens, hereby joins the **County of Monterey's Area Agency on Aging (AAA)** and the **Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council** in recognizing **May 2025** as **Older Americans Month**. The Board urges every resident to take the time to celebrate our older residents and the people who serve them as powerful and vital individuals who contribute greatly to the communities within Monterey County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this ____ day of May 2025, upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____ by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT: