

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

**RESOLUTION No.**

Adopt a resolution recognizing July as Bebe Moore Campbell  
National Minority Mental Health Awareness  
Month in Monterey County

**WHEREAS**, the United States House of Representatives on May 21, 2008, and the United States Senate on June 2, 2008, adopted a resolution declaring the month of July as **Bebe Moore Campbell National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month**; and

**WHEREAS**, both Houses of Congress saw the need to name this month after the late Bebe Moore Campbell, a renowned African American author and founder of the Greater Los Angeles chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI); and

**WHEREAS**, Bebe Moore Campbell spent countless hour and days meeting with Representatives and Senators to highlight the need for a special month to highlight the issue of disparities in mental health treatment for African Americans and other people of color that often led to misdiagnosing and culturally incompetent treatment of members of Black Indigenous, People Of Color (BIPOC) communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Bebe Moore Campbell, in the founding of the Greater Los Angeles chapter of NAMI, utilized that chapter to further educate the public at large and BIPOC communities, specifically, about the realities of mental illness in those communities, the importance of mental health treatment and care and reduce the stigma and cultural distrust of any government services that often deterred these communities from seeking such treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, The Village Project, Inc., a local community-based organization, continues to be a lead organization in the California Reducing Disparities Project (CRDP) Phases I and II, helping to bring about State-recognized Culturally/Community Defined Evidence Practices (CDEPs) as a means of providing effective culturally- and identity-informed services for members of BIPOC and LGBTQ+ communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of July, especially, but for all months, generally, should serve to highlight the ongoing need for system change which will necessarily involve the recruitment, development and retention of many more mental health practitioners and programs from the BIPOC and LGBTQ+ communities to carry out this still much needed work in these historically unserved, underserved and inappropriately served communities.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, does hereby:

1. Affirms its support for the month of July 2022 as Bebe Moore Campbell National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month in Monterey County;

2. Authorizes every July thereafter as Bebe Moore Campbell National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month in Monterey County; and
3. Calls upon all community organizations, civil rights groups, religious institutions, people and local governments to organize events and activities that serve to educate all communities about mental health and wellness and the continued reduction of institutional practices and cultural distrust and stigma that serve as barriers for these communities of people to receive mental health treatment.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_ 2022, upon motion of Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ by the following vote, to-wit:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

I, Valeria 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:

Valeria Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Monterey, State of California

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy