

RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 25-329

WHEREAS, El Grito de Independencia (The Cry of Independence), first declared on September 16, 1810, by Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, marked the beginning of Mexico's fight for independence from Spanish rule, and has since become a historic symbol of freedom, resilience, and unity; and

WHEREAS, El Grito is honored each year by millions across Mexico and throughout the world, serving as a reminder of the enduring pursuit of justice, self-determination, and cultural pride; and

WHEREAS, El Grito Salinas has become one of the region's most vibrant celebrations of this tradition, drawing together families, students, and community members to honor cultural heritage, uplift voices, and celebrate the spirit of unity; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month is observed each year from September 15 to October 15, recognizing the histories, cultures, and contributions of Americans whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Hispanic Heritage Month begins on September 15, the anniversary of independence for the Latin American countries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua, followed by the independence days of Mexico on September 16 and Chile on September 18; and

WHEREAS, El Grito Salinas serves as a cornerstone of community pride, highlighting Hispanic and Latino contributions to the Salinas Valley and Monterey County through music, dance, food, and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Month provides an opportunity for all residents to celebrate diversity, foster greater understanding, and recommit to equity and inclusion as core values of our community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors on behalf of all the County and its residents, thereof, hereby honors El Grito Salinas during Hispanic Heritage Month and extends its deep appreciation to the Hispanic and Latino communities for their enduring contributions to the strength, prosperity, and cultural richness of the County of Monterey and the broader United States of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors commends Tradición Por Siempre, its volunteers, partners, and sponsors for their leadership and service in organizing El Grito Salinas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors encourages all residents to participate in celebrations, educational activities, and cultural events throughout Hispanic Heritage Month as a way of honoring this vital part of our shared heritage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 16th day of September 2025

Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez

Vice Chair Supervisor Wendy Root Askew

Supervisor Glenn Church

Supervisor Luis A. Alejø

Supervisor Kate Daniels