

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt Resolution Designating the Week of March 18- March 24, 2018,)
as **National Public Defender Week** in Monterey County)

WHEREAS, Sunday, March 18, 2018, marks the 55th anniversary of *Gideon v. Wainwright*, and the third nationwide celebration of Public Defense Week; and,

WHEREAS, The Monterey County Public Defenders Office is joining forces with national, state and county-wide public defense offices and other indigent defense organizations to celebrate and commemorate this historic event; and

WHEREAS, Fifty-five years ago, when the U.S. Supreme Court decided the landmark case of *Gideon v Wainwright*, a right to counsel for people too poor to afford to hire an attorney was established; and

WHEREAS, The Monterey County Public Defender Office hopes to create public awareness to highlight the important, dedicated, excellent and diligent work that everyone in the indigent defense community does every day on behalf of their clients; and

WHEREAS, Whether it be public defenders, private defense attorneys, paralegals, investigators, legal processors, secretaries, social workers or private advocates, they are all warriors against social injustice, abuse of power, inequities, and inequality in our criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, Public defenders work hard and advocate for people in order to restore and affirm their human dignity and values, and to vindicate their legal and human rights; and

WHEREAS, Public defenders are dedicated to ensuring everyone exercises their constitutional right to counsel and are on the front lines of today's greatest civil rights struggles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Monterey County, on behalf of all citizens thereof, recognizes March 18 to March 24, 2018 as National Public Defenders Week; and express our appreciation of those who advocate to build a more just and equitable society.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this ____ day of ____ 2018, upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded _____ by _____ Supervisor _____ by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Nick Chiulos, Acting 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:

Nick Chiulos, Acting Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California

By _____
Deputy