

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

**Resolution No.:**

Adopt Resolution recognizing the life accomplishments of **Joe Garcia Kapp** )  
**and declaring May 1, 2018 “Joe Garcia Kapp Day” in Monterey County.....)**

**WHEREAS, Joe Garcia Kapp** is a Mexican-American National Football League (NFL) quarterback legend who was born in Santa Fe, New Mexico on March 19, 1938, and later moved to Salinas with his immediate family and attended Sherwood Elementary, El Sausal Middle School and Salinas High School; and

**WHEREAS,** The eldest of five children, **Joe Garcia Kapp** earned a Bachelors of Arts degree in Physical Education from the University of California, Berkeley in 1959. During his college career, he led the California Golden Bears to a Pacific Coast Conference championship in 1958 and the Rose Bowl in 1959, the last year Cal Football played in the Rose Bowl; and

**WHEREAS, Joe Garcia Kapp** was awarded the W.J. Voit Memorial Trophy in 1958 as the outstanding football player on the Pacific Coast and named a college All-American in 1959. In addition, he played on the California Golden Bears men’s basketball team who won the Pacific Coast Championship for 1956-57 and 1957-58; and

**WHEREAS,** After graduating from the University of California, Berkeley, **Joe Garcia Kapp** played for the Calgary Stampeders in Canada. He was then traded to the British Columbia (BC) Lions where he led them to a Grey Cup appearance in 1963, followed by a first Grey Cup victory in 1964; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1967 **Joe Garcia Kapp** began his first American Professional Season with the Minnesota Vikings. While with the Vikings Joe led them to their first playoff appearance in 1968. In 1969 he passed for a record 7 touchdown passes in a single game, led the Vikings to a 12-2 record and into their first appearance in the Super Bowl (IV) against the Kansas City Chiefs. Kapp became the first Mexican American to be the starting quarterback in the Super Bowl and played 12 seasons of professional football; and

**WHEREAS,** In July 20, 1970, Sports Illustrated described **Joe Garcia Kapp** as “The Toughest Chicano” on the cover of its weekly magazine. He received the team Most Valuable Player award but refused saying, “There is no one most valuable Viking. There are 40 most valuable Vikings”; and

**WHEREAS, Joe Garcia Kapp** became the head coach of the University of California in 1982 where he was awarded Pac 10 Coach of the Year honors after leading the Golden Bears to a 7-4 record. The season culminated in the most famous play in college football history when the Cal Special Teams returned a kick-off for a touchdown with only 4 seconds left by skillfully lateraling the return 5 times while weaving through and over the Stanford Band. “The Play” knocked Stanford out of a Bowl berth and epitomizes the fighting spirit of **Joe Garcia Kapp**. In his last game as Cal coach in 1986 the Golden Bears defeated 21 point favorite Stanford for the biggest upset in the 119 year history of “The Big Game”; and

**WHEREAS, Joe Garcia Kapp** also showed courage and changed the history of the NFL when it came to unfair player contracts. Based on his own experience, Kapp filed an anti-trust lawsuit against the NFL in March 1972, challenging the standard players contract as unconstitutional, violating anti-trust law and as a restraint of his trade in the pro football marketplace. He won a landmark summary judgment that found the “Rozelle Rule,” player draft, option system were a cobweb of collusion that amounted to a violation of law. This decision set the precedent that supported the Mackey decision and has led to the limited free agency and greater pay that exists in professional football today; and

**WHEREAS, Joe Garcia Kapp** is the only quarterback to have the distinction of playing in the Rose Bowl, Canada's Grey Cup and Super Bowl. He forged his own path in the game of football and now lives in Los Gatos, California with his wife; and

**WHEREAS, Joe Garcia Kapp** has spent his entire adult life working for justice and equality for poor people across the country through numerous organizations including UFW and LULAC. His focus on Monterey County involves long time work with the National Hispanic University and Soledad State Prison.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT AND RESOLVED**, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all citizens thereof, recognize the exemplary life accomplishments of the legendary Mexican-American NFL football player **Joe Garcia Kapp**, declares him among "Monterey County's Most Distinguished Honorary Citizens," and declares May 1, 2018 as "**Joe Garcia Kapp Day**" in Monterey County.

**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, Nicholas E. 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:

Nicholas E. Chiulos, Acting Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Monterey, State of California

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