

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt Resolution proclaiming the month of May 2018)
as **Older Americans Month** in Monterey County.....)

WHEREAS, The County of Monterey is home to a growing community of older Americans who deserve recognition for their past and continuing contributions and sacrifices; and

WHEREAS, Older Americans of California are exactly those Americans who, in the decades after World War II, worked to make California grow and blossom into the legendary place known all over the world that it is today; and

WHEREAS, The Monterey County Board of Supervisors is committed to helping all individuals live long and healthy lives in the communities of their choice for as long as possible; and

WHEREAS, Since beginning in 1965, the Older Americans Act has provided critical support services to help older adults live with independence and dignity, and now this funding no longer keeps pace with the growing demand for services, state funding has been drastically reduced, and block grants that erode the safety net are threatened; and

WHEREAS, These threatened safety net programs provide a variety of essential services to a diverse, underserved population such as family caregiver support, home-delivered meals, legal counseling, Medicare counseling, access to low income energy assistance, and addressing neglect, exploitation and abuse of older adults; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the value of community engagement and service in helping older adults remain healthy and active; and

WHEREAS, Our community can provide opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals of all ages by supporting and engaging older Americans, recognizing their voices and acknowledging their unique contributions and experiences, involving older adults in planning events and activities, and providing opportunities to learn, lead and mentor. Indeed, we need to assure that these older adults--the fastest growing segment of our population--have the resources they need to function in their communities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all its citizens thereof, hereby proclaims the month of May 2018 as Older Americans Month, urging every resident to take time this month to celebrate older adults, and the people who serve and support them as powerful and vital individuals who greatly contribute to the community.

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By _____, Deputy