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

Resolution No.:

Adopt Resolution recognizing the Annual Celebration of **Mexican Independence**) **Day, "El Grito De La Independencia"** in Monterey County......)

WHEREAS, On September 16, 2018, the Comité Cultural de Salinas (Cultural Committee of Salinas) will observe and celebrate the annual local Celebration of Independence of Mexico from Spain; and

WHEREAS, In the early hours of September 16, 1810, Father Miguel Hidalgo, accompanied by several other allies rang the bell of his little church, calling everyone to fight for liberty. This was the beginning of the Mexican War of Independence, which lasted 10 years; and

WHEREAS, This is the moment that every 16th of September is reenacted in every plaza or zocalo of Mexico, and commemorated by Mexicans all over the world; and

WHEREAS, The Comité Cultural de Salinas hosts the Celebration of Independence, which is known as the "El Grito Festival," to increase public awareness and education about the history and culture of the Mexican people; and

WHEREAS, The "El Grito Festival" was attended by over 50,000 participants in 2017 and over 100 local small business owners, non-profits and government agencies provided food, products and information to event participants; and

WHEREAS, The "El Grito Festival" is only possible with the support and contributions of local media, hundreds of local young and adult volunteers, and event sponsors; and

WHEREAS, The Comité Cultural de Salinas has taken the lead in promoting cultural family events in Monterey County, specifically Salinas, to highlight the Latino Community's rich cultural heritage and its participation in the history and economy of California.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all citizens thereof, does hereby recognize the Comité Cultural de Salinas for their exemplary accomplishments and dedication to the annual Celebration of Mexican Independence from Spain, "El Grito de la Independencia," and expresses appreciation to the Comité Cultural de Salinas for the promotion of historical and cultural understanding and goodwill between the citizens of the United States of America and Mexico.

PASSED AND ADOPTED upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, and carried this _____ day of _____, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: NOES: ABSENT: I, Valerie 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 Minute Book.____ for the meeting on _____.

Dated: Supervisors File Number: Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of

County of Monterey, State of California

By:

Deputy