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

Resolution No.:

| Adopt resolution recognizing the accomplishments of former Salinas |) |
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| farmworker, and now, university graduate Adolfo González and declare |) |
| Tuesday, June 11, 2019 as "Adolfo González Day" in Monterey County | .) |

WHEREAS, Adolfo González, age 58, was born in Oaxaca, Mexico and is of Zapotec Indigenous Mexican ancestry; and

WHEREAS, Adolfo González's native language is Zapoteco De La Sierra and years later, he learned Spanish and English; and

WHEREAS, Adolfo González moved from his impoverished rural village in México, to the Internado, a school for indigenous youth in the metropolitan area in Oaxaca City; and

WHEREAS, Adolfo González dropped out of school and traveled to the United States as an undocumented immigrant in 1986 so that he could make a better living to support his mother and siblings; and

WHEREAS, Adolfo González, moved north to the Salinas Valley where he briefly picked lettuce before working 18 years harvesting celery; and

WHEREAS, Adolfo González married his amazing wife María Gonzalez in 1992, and later gained lawful permanent residency and eventually, citizenship through her; and

WHEREAS, Adolfo González never gave up on his education and returned back to school in 2000 through the Salinas Adult School by the Salinas Union High School District and received his General Education Development (GED) high school diploma and earned a Service Learning Award; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, Adolfo González enrolled at Hartnell Community College to improve his education, but had to drop out for several years to support his family; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, Adolfo González returned to Hartnell College and earned his Associate of Arts Degree in Spanish with academic honors and transferred to California State University, Monterey Bay with a 3.85 GPA; and

WHEREAS, Adolfo González then volunteered to tutor other adult students in English at the Salinas Adult School, at the very place where he was once a student; and

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2019, Adolfo González received his Bachelor's of Arts degree in Spanish Language and Hispanic Cultures with honors; and

WHEREAS, Adolfo González now hopes to obtain his master's in education and become an educator; and

WHEREAS, Adolfo González has exemplified the very best in our community and proved that its never too late for anyone to achieve his or her educational goals; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all citizens thereof, recognize the exemplary accomplishments of Adolfo González for achieving his educational goals, overcoming many barriers, and being an inspiration to his Indigenous Oaxacan community, to other adult students and to all people of Monterey County and the Golden State.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors here by declares June 11, 2019 as "Adolfo González Day" in Monterey County.

| PASSED A | ND ADOPTED | on this da | ay of 20 | 19, upon | motion of | Supervisor |
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| | | _, seconded by | Supervisor | | | by |
| the following | | | _ | | | |
| AYES: | | | | | | |
| NOES: | | | | | | |
| ABSENT: | | | | | | |
| hereby certify | ph, Clerk of the B y that the foregoind d entered in the m | ng is a true copy | of an original | order of sa | id Board of | Supervisors |
| Dated: | | | Valerie Ralph Coun | • | | Supervisors of California |
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