

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt Resolution: Recognizing March 8 as “International Women’s Day”

WHEREAS, On February 28, 1909, the first National Women's Day was observed in the United States. Two years later, on March 19, 1911, the first International Women's Day was observed by more than one million women and men in Austria, Denmark, Germany, and Switzerland; and

WHEREAS, International Women's Day is an annual celebration of women's cultural, educational, economic, political, and social accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, March 8 is celebrated across the world as International Women’s Day and provides an opportunity to recognize and reflect on the progress made to advance women’s equality, to celebrate the gains made by women in our society, and to reflect on the challenges and barriers which women continue to face; and

WHEREAS, We recognize that women have played an extraordinary role in our history and continue to be a source of strength and leadership in our community; and

WHEREAS, On this day women can celebrate the progress that has been made but also contemplate those areas of women’s lives where more can be done; and

WHEREAS, Women’s access to education, health care, and paid labor has improved, and legislation that promises equal opportunities and respect for their human rights has been adopted in many countries; and

WHEREAS, Nowhere in the world can women claim to have all the same rights and opportunities as men, and until we all work together to secure the rights and full potential of women, lasting solutions to these problems are unlikely to be found; and

WHEREAS, International Women’s Day addresses the social, economic and political barriers still facing women and girls while celebrating their achievements and the progress that have been made in support of women’s equality; and

WHEREAS, Despite the contributions of women to society, hundreds of millions of women and girls around the world continue to be denied the right to participate freely in civic and economic life, lack fundamental legal protections, and are left vulnerable to exploitation and abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT AND RESOLVED, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the citizens of Monterey County, do hereby proclaim March 8, 2020 as “International Women’s Day” and call upon all people of Monterey County to observe this day and consider these issues and celebrate girls and women.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this ____ day of _____, 2020, upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____ by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk to 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:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California

By_____ Deputy