

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

Resolution No.:

Recognizing Every June as Lesbian, Gay,)
Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ+))
Pride Month in Monterey County.)

WHEREAS, in June of 1969, patrons and supporters of the Stonewall Inn in New York City staged an uprising to resist the police harassment and persecution to which lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ+) Americans were commonly subjected, marking the beginning of a movement to outlaw discriminatory laws and practices against LGBTQ+ Americans; and,

WHEREAS, in the four decades since the Stonewall Riots, civil rights for LGBTQ+ people have grown substantially, and LGBTQ+ pride celebrations have taken place around the country every June; and,

WHEREAS, each day, more lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people are elected to public offices across the country, serve in the United States Armed Forces, occupy the highest positions in business and many other professions, participate in religious and spiritual communities, and serve as role models for all; and,

WHEREAS, we celebrate the progress we have made in creating a community more inclusive and accepting of the LGBTQ+ community while recognizing that LGBTQ+ individuals continue to suffer discrimination, hostility and exclusion at almost every level of society, including in areas of housing, employment, healthcare, family law, immigration, religious, and marriage equality; and,

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ youth are four times more likely to attempt suicide than other youth, and LGBTQ+ youth raised in households that reject them are nearly nine times more likely to attempt suicide than those raised in accepting households, and while seven percent of youth identify as LGBTQ+, they make up forty percent of homeless youth; and,

WHEREAS, to achieve a just and fair society, we must not only respect one another, but also appreciate our differences, recognize the common good in all of us, and celebrate diversity as one of our greatest strengths; and,

WHEREAS, Salinas Valley Pride Celebrations (SVPC) started in 2009 to create spaces for LGBTQ+ people through social events and community partnerships to; and,

WHEREAS, early Salinas Valley Pride organizers mobilized advocates against Proposition 8, a California initiative that overturned same-sex marriage; and,

WHEREAS, Salinas Valley Pride Celebrations started a scholarship program with the goal of making Salinas Valley a more inclusive place to live, work and visit; and,

WHEREAS, Monterey Peninsula Pride Parade and Celebration holds annual events to also increase awareness acceptance and inclusion of LGBTQ+ individuals, and plan to hold events on July 17, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, all people deserve to live with dignity and respect, free from fear and violence, and protected against discrimination, regardless of their gender identity or sexual orientation and we understand the unique challenges faced by sexual and gender minorities, especially transgender and gender non-conforming individuals and are taking steps to address them; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, on behalf of the County and all of the citizens thereof, that every June is proclaimed as “Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month” in Monterey County and all residents are called upon to eliminate prejudice everywhere it exists, and to celebrate the great diversity of our County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rainbow Flag, a symbol of pride for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer community and LGBTQ+ social movements will be flown at the 168 West Alisal Monterey County Government Center for the month of June in Monterey County for the first time in the county’s history.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all of the residents thereof, proclaims support for efforts, including the Monterey County Peninsula Pride Celebration and Parade and Salinas Valley Pride Celebrations, that increase awareness, acceptance, and inclusion of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ+) individuals.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2021, 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 of Minute Book _____ for the meeting on _____, 2021.

Dated: June __, 2021

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

By _____, Deputy