

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt a resolution proclaiming and celebrating **June 2026** as **Pride Month** in the County of Monterey.

WHEREAS, Pride Month is celebrated each June to honor the legacy of the LGBTQIA+ community, recognize the ongoing struggle for equality and dignity, and affirm the worth and humanity of every individual regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression; and

WHEREAS, the County of Monterey is home to a vibrant and diverse LGBTQIA+ community whose members contribute immeasurably to the cultural, economic, and civic life of our region; and

WHEREAS, the County of Monterey affirms all individual's rights to live with dignity and respect that is free from fear and violence, and be protected against discrimination, regardless of their gender identity or sexual orientation, and to have pride in their unique identity expression; and

WHEREAS, at a time when the national landscape has seen a significant rise in legislative and social attacks targeting the rights, safety, and dignity of LGBTQIA+ individuals, the County of Monterey reaffirms its unwavering commitment to equality, inclusion, and the protection of all its residents; and

WHEREAS, Transgender, non-binary, and gender-fluid individuals are among those facing the greatest threats to their safety, well-being, and fundamental rights, and the County of Monterey stands firmly in solidarity with these community members and is committed to ensuring they are seen, valued, and protected; and

WHEREAS, the County of Monterey believes that every person deserves to live freely and authentically, free from discrimination, harassment, and fear, and that the strength of our community lies in its diversity and its commitment to the dignity of all people; and

WHEREAS, the County of Monterey celebrates the progress that has been made in creating a community that is more inclusive and accepting of the LGBTQIA+ population while recognizing that LGBTQIA+ individuals continue to suffer discrimination, hostility, and exclusion at almost every level in society, including in areas of housing, employment, healthcare, family law, immigration, and in marriage equality; and

WHEREAS, local government has a responsibility to speak out and take action in defense of its most vulnerable residents, and the County of Monterey pledges to uphold policies and practices that protect and affirm the rights of LGBTQIA+ individuals in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, hereby celebrates and proclaims the month of **June 2026** as “**Pride Month**” in the County of Monterey, celebrating and honoring the LGBTQIA+ community and reaffirming its commitment to protecting, supporting, and uplifting all LGBTQIA+ individuals, with particular dedication to transgender, non-binary, and gender-fluid individuals who face heightened vulnerabilities in the current national climate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Pride Flag, a symbol of pride for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer community, and LGBTQ+ social movements will be raised at all County multi-use facilities’ flagpoles for the month of June 2026.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors encourages all residents, businesses, and organizations of Monterey County to stand in solidarity with the LGBTQIA+ community, to speak out against discrimination and hate, and to help foster a county where every person is embraced with dignity, respect, and belonging.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of June, 2026, upon the motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____ 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 _____.

Dated:

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

By _____
Deputy