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

## **Resolution No.:**

Adopt Resolution Recognizing Designating July 2023 as Aquatic Safety Month in the County of Monterey.

WHEREAS, California Department of Parks and Recreation (California State Parks) is an integral part and fundamental component of aquatic safety for the communities throughout Monterey County, and visitors to our community; with annual tourism of more than 3 million and total residents of 432,858; and

WHEREAS, California State Parks protects visitors to Monterey County beaches and waterways from treacherous ocean conditions, dynamic currents and general beach hazards that affect beach goers who swim, surf, body board, fish, kayak, dive and many other iconic aquatic activities that are quintessential to Monterey tourism; and

WHEREAS, California State Parks has been increasing its lifeguard presence on Monterey beaches on a yearly basis since 2019. Lifeguard towers are now located at five beaches within Monterey County, expanding the ocean front settings where residents and visitors can enhance their mental and physical health through recreation and exercise thereby improving their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, California State Parks Lifeguard Program operates within Monterey County providing education for hundreds of youth in teamwork, leadership and aquatic safety through the Junior Lifeguard Program which is designed for children from age 9-16. This program also educates our youth in ways to help protect and preserve our natural environment for future generations; and

**WHEREAS,** California State Parks Lifeguards provide an average of over 7,000 hours of lifeguarding on the beaches in Monterey County, delivering as many as fifty dynamic aquatic rescues and over 40,000 preventative and educational contacts every year allowing for safe, high quality outdoor recreation.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, hereby recognizes the commitment to excellence by California State Parks which has resulted in improved aquatic safety trends along the Monterey coast and hereby proclaims the month of July 2023 as **Aquatic Safety Awareness Month in the County of Monterey** and encourages all its residents to visit and acquaint themselves with our wonderful parks and reap the benefits that they contribute to our health, safety, and iconic quality of life.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this	day of	, 2023, by the following vote,
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	Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors County of Monterey, State of California.
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