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

Resolution No.:

Adopt a resolution honoring **Monica Andrade** as a Monterey County Military and Veterans Affairs Advisory Commission's Veteran of the Year for 2025.

WHEREAS, each year the County of Monterey and the Monterey County Veterans Services Advisory Commission honor those who have made a significant contribution to their communities, are strong motivators, have demonstrated extraordinary professional competence, and are role models for veterans and the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Military and Veterans Services Advisory Commission is honored to recognize **Monica Andrade** as a 2025 *Veteran of the Year*; and

WHEREAS, Monica Andrade, born and raised in Salinas, California, is the eldest of five children and the proud daughter of immigrant parents from Guanajuato, Mexico, and served honorably in the United States Army from June 1, 2000, to June 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, through her service, Monica Andrade gained a deep understanding of the importance of civic engagement, political participation, and advocacy for social justice, values she continues to embody as a community leader and role model; and

WHEREAS, Monica Andrade is a devoted wife and mother of three who balances the responsibilities of family life with her tireless dedication to advancing equity, education, and opportunity for underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, Monica Andrade currently serves as a Parent Educator with Door to Hope, providing critical services and support to underserved families; and

WHEREAS, Monica Andrade's leadership extends throughout Monterey County, including her service as an Alternate for Representative Zoe Lofgren on the Monterey County Democratic Central Committee, Treasurer for Salinas LULAC #2055, and board member of the Democratic Women of Monterey County; and

WHEREAS, Monica Andrade is a proud member of the Soledad American Legion Post 32, where she and her family volunteer annually to support Veterans Day and Memorial Day observances, honoring her fellow servicemembers with dedication and respect; and

WHEREAS, Monica Andrade's lifelong passion for sports and youth development includes her years as a soccer player, referee, and coach for local children, further exemplifying her commitment to mentorship, teamwork, and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, Monica Andrade continues to be a steadfast advocate, leader, and servant to her community, embodying the values of honor, courage, and commitment she carried from her Army service into every aspect of her life.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors on behalf of all the County and its residents, thereof, hereby recognizes **Monica Andrade** as a 2025 Monterey County Military and Veterans Affairs Advisory Commission Veteran of the Year and wishes him continued success, peace, and happiness in all his future endeavors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on thisday of _	2025, upon motion of Supervisor	
, seconded by Supervisor		by
the following vote, to-wit:		
AYES:		
NOES:		
ABSENT:		
I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervishereby certify that the foregoing is a true copyduly made and entered in the minutes thereof of	y of an original order of said Board of Supe	ervisors
Dated:	Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supe County of Monterey, State of Cal	
	By	
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