

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt a resolution honoring **Rancho Cielo** on its **25th Anniversary**.

WHEREAS, retired Monterey County Superior Court Judge and former County of Monterey District 2 Supervisor John Phillips founded Rancho Cielo in 2000 in response to his observation of young people entering the justice system with no option but to live out criminal sentences, often for offenses related to factors outside of their control; and

WHEREAS, Rancho Cielo has provided alternatives to underserved youth, ages 14-24 who have experienced challenges in comprehensive high school settings for 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Rancho Cielo serves 250 students annually with an approach that integrates high school curriculum, vocational training, case management, life skills, and, importantly, hope.

WHEREAS, Students earn an accredited high school diploma (or equivalent) and industry-recognized certifications, creating pathways to living-wage employment and higher education, as well as upward mobility in careers they choose.

WHEREAS, Rancho Cielo excels in creating public-private partnerships and engagement with the local business community in support of its innovative programming; and

WHEREAS, Rancho Cielo offers vocational programs including Ag Technology & Mechatronics, Auto & Diesel Repair, Welding & Fabrication, Construction and Sustainable Design Academy, the Drummond Culinary Academy, the Silver Star Youth Program, and Youth Corps; and

WHEREAS, one example of the success of this approach is the Construction and Sustainable Design Academy which offers stackable certificates in construction via a nationally recognized curriculum while building small, healthy homes, emphasizing sustainable construction practices; and

WHEREAS, another example of the unique programming at Rancho Cielo is the Drummond Culinary Academy, now a microenterprise model where, during the school year, students prepare and serve Friday night dinners featuring contemporary California cuisine that reflects the bounty and culture of the Salinas Valley and the students themselves; and

WHEREAS, since its founding, Rancho Cielo has provided thousands of County of Monterey youth a fresh start in the face of poverty, justice system involvement, and housing and food insecurity at no cost.

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 Rancho Cielo and its programs for giving its students agency in futures that will enable their success and well-being, and the vibrancy and health of our County culture.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this ___ day 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 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