

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt a resolution honoring the *Alas* Program of **Ventures' Familias con Más** for its work to build financial resiliency for families in the community of Pajaro in the aftermath of the 2023 flooding.

WHEREAS, **Ventures** partners with rural working-class families in California's Central Coast to ensure that individuals understand and use their economic and political power. From building their savings to advocating for a living wage, **Ventures'** approach builds community and connects financial stability, wealth building, and self-determination. This work creates dignity by recognizing, acknowledging, and valuing community members' leadership in making change happen; and,

WHEREAS, **Ventures** program **Familias con Más** provides financial education and advocacy to help rural working-class families with all aspects of money—understanding it, managing it, and saving it; and,

WHEREAS, **Familias con Más** includes *Alas*, which means *wings* in Spanish, is a six-month guaranteed income, leadership, and financial stability program to help working-class families build community, self-determination, and financial wellbeing; and,

WHEREAS, The March 2023 Pajaro levee breach devastated an already vulnerable community, displacing families and disrupting livelihoods. Pajaro's residents, predominantly rural, working-class Latine individuals, face systemic challenges such as limited financial literacy, barriers to accessing banking and credit services, and precarious employment in seasonal industries like agriculture; and,

WHEREAS, **Ventures** deployed **Familias con Más** and the *Alas* programs to focus on equipping Pajaro residents with the tools to build financial resilience, enhance their economic prospects, and prepare for future challenges; and,

WHEREAS, 44 residents of Pajaro completed the 6-month program guaranteed income and financial stability program, co-funded with discretionary funds by District 2 Supervisor Glenn Church, and were recognized in a ceremony on September 12, 2025; and,

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 **Ventures' Familias con Más** and the *Alas* program for working towards a shared and prosperous economic future where zip code, race, gender, or immigration status do not dictate income or wealth.

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