

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt a resolution commemorating the **Monterey Bay Aquarium**'s 40th Anniversary.

Whereas, the **Monterey Bay Aquarium** has stood as a beacon of marine conservation and education since its founding on October 20, 1984, when it welcomed more than 10,000 visitors on its opening day, marking an enthusiastic start to its mission of inspiring conservation of the ocean; and

Whereas, for four decades, the **Monterey Bay Aquarium** has been committed to inspiring conservation of the ocean through groundbreaking research, innovative public education, and advocacy for sustainable marine policies; and

Whereas, the **Monterey Bay Aquarium** has engaged millions of visitors from around the world in its mission, showcasing the beauty and complexity of the ocean through exhibits that are both educational and awe-inspiring; and, through the end of 2023, has hosted more than 70 million guests, enriching the lives of all who visit and contributing significantly to the understanding and preservation of our ocean and its marine life; and

Whereas, as a leader in marine science, the **Monterey Bay Aquarium** has fostered significant advancements in the study and care of marine species, including southern sea otters, jellyfish, and countless others, contributing vital knowledge to the global scientific community; and

Whereas, the **Monterey Bay Aquarium** has played a crucial role in the local economy, attracting tourists to Monterey County, and enhancing the cultural and economic vitality of the region; and

Whereas, the **Monterey Bay Aquarium**'s dedication to sustainability has set a standard for institutions worldwide, with initiatives that minimize environmental impact and promote conservation across all operations; and

Whereas, through collaborative efforts with schools, nonprofits, and governmental agencies, the **Monterey Bay Aquarium** has significantly enhanced public education regarding ocean conservation, reaching countless students and educators with resources and programming; and

Whereas, the **Monterey Bay Aquarium** has remained steadfast in its commitment to community, inclusivity, and innovation, continuously evolving to meet the challenges of marine conservation and to serve as a guardian of our precious ocean resources;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, congratulates the **Monterey Bay Aquarium** on celebrating 40 years of service to our community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2024, 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 _____, 2024.

Dated:

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

By _____
Deputy