

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt a resolution recognizing **April as Autism Acceptance and Awareness Month in Monterey County.**

WHEREAS, the month of **April** is recognized globally as **Autism Acceptance and Awareness Month**, a time dedicated to increasing understanding, fostering inclusion, and celebrating the unique contributions of individuals on the autism spectrum; and

WHEREAS, the San Andreas Regional Center is dedicated to ensuring that individuals with autism are empowered to live independent, productive lives and are fully integrated into the fabric of County of Monterey through person-centered planning; and

WHEREAS, autism is a complex, lifelong neurodevelopmental condition that affects how people perceive the world and interact with others, with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) currently estimating that 1 in 36 children in the United States is identified with autism spectrum disorder (ASD); and

WHEREAS, while "awareness" is a vital first step, the County of Monterey recognizes that "acceptance" is the necessary bridge to ensure that individuals on the autism spectrum are fully integrated members of our community, who are afforded the same rights, dignity, and opportunities of all residents; and

WHEREAS, the County of Monterey is committed to supporting neurodivergent residents and their families through robust public services, inclusive educational environments, and accessible community programs that empower individuals to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, local organizations, educators, healthcare providers, and advocates work tirelessly year-round to provide the resources and support systems necessary to navigate the challenges and celebrate the triumphs associated with autism; and

WHEREAS, by embracing neurodiversity, Monterey County strengthens its social fabric, benefiting from the diverse perspectives, talents, and skills that individuals on the autism spectrum bring to our communities, local workforce, arts, and civic 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 **April as Autism Acceptance and Awareness Month.**

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this ___ day of ___ 2026, 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