

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt a resolution honoring the **Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) Monterey County** for its leadership in domestic violence awareness, prevention, and intervention and recognizing **October 2026** as **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**.

WHEREAS, YWCA Monterey County has carried out its mission to eliminate racism, empower women, and promote peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all by giving life-saving and life-changing help to survivors of domestic violence and their families throughout Monterey County; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a pattern of abusive acts — physical, sexual, emotional, or financial — used by one partner to gain power and control over another, causing harm and taking away safety and independence; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence remains a serious public health and safety crisis, with more than one in three women and one in four men in the United States saying they have been hurt by a partner, and nearly half of all adults reporting emotional or psychological harm; and

WHEREAS, locally the continued need to raise awareness about prevention and intervention of domestic violence remains urgent as demonstrated by **YWCA Monterey County** having answered one hundred eighty-five crisis calls in just three weeks and having a waiting list of more than twenty families for safe shelter; and

WHEREAS, YWCA Monterey County provides many kinds of help — including a twenty-four hour crisis line, legal help with restraining orders and child custody, counseling in English and Spanish — so survivors and their children can heal and rebuild their lives; and

WHEREAS, YWCA Monterey County also works to stop violence before it starts by teaching youth and families about early warning signs, showing community members how to step in safely, and fighting barriers like housing shortages and inequality that make people less safe; and

WHEREAS, the **National Domestic Violence Awareness Month**'s theme for 2025, "With Survivors, Always," calls on communities to lift up survivors' voices and build united action to end abuse — a call answered here through **YWCA Monterey County**'s leadership, countywide reach, and strong teamwork with law enforcement, health care, social services, and housing partners; and

WHEREAS, through its steadfast service, **YWCA Monterey County** helps make the whole Monterey County community safer and stronger for everyone;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all residents thereof, honor and commend **YWCA Monterey**

County for its tireless work to keep survivors safe, prevent abuse, and drive change, and proclaims October 2025 as **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** in Monterey County, urging all residents to support survivors, speak out against violence, and help build safe and thriving communities.

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