

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt a resolution in recognizing the contributions of Hawaiian Spaniards and the Spanish Hawaiian Heritage Association's Academic and Cultural Conference

WHEREAS, between 1907 and 1913, approximately eight thousand immigrants from Andalucía and Extremadura in Spain journeyed to Hawai'i under indentured labor contracts to work on sugar plantations, bringing with them their language, faith, farming skills, and Andalusian traditions; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of their contracts, many Hawaiian Spaniards relocated to California's Central Coast, with Monterey County, especially the city of Salinas, emerging as one of the largest settlement areas; and

WHEREAS, Hawaiian Spaniards contributed greatly to Monterey County's agricultural industry, working in lettuce and other row crops, as well as in produce packing houses that helped establish Salinas as the "Salad Bowl of the World"; and

WHEREAS, Hawaiian Spaniards also labored in the sardine canneries along Cannery Row, in the fishing industry alongside Portuguese, Italian, and Japanese crews, the artichoke harvests of Castroville, and in seasonal farm labor in Gonzales and Soledad; and

WHEREAS, over time, Hawaiian Spaniards became permanent residents of Monterey County, purchasing homes, opening businesses, and serving in schools, churches, and civic organizations, with their descendants continuing to play vital roles in agriculture, education, healthcare, public service, and community leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Spanish Hawaiian Heritage Association's Academic & Cultural Conference, to be held September 6–7, 2025, at the University of California, Davis, will bring together scholars, descendants, and community members from Spain, Hawai'i, and California to honor this history through research, cultural performances, and exhibits; and

WHEREAS, the legacy of the Hawaiian Spaniards represents an important and enduring chapter in the cultural, civic, and agricultural life of Monterey County, enriching the county's diversity and strengthening its community fabric.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors hereby honors and the contributions of Hawaiian Spaniards and recognizes the Spanish Hawaiian Heritage Association's Academic & Cultural Conference for its commitment to preserving and sharing this vital history.

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