

PROCLAMATION NO.

Proclaiming March 2026 as Civil Grand Jury Awareness Month in the County of Monterey

WHEREAS, every year, in each of California's fifty-eight counties, a group of ordinary citizens, take an oath to voluntarily serve a term of one year as civil grand jurors; and

WHEREAS, **Civil Grand Juries** have been a cornerstone of California's judicial system since the adoption of the original state Constitution in 1849-1850; and

WHEREAS, **Civil Grand Juries** conduct their investigations under the auspices of the Superior Court of California and have broad access to public officials, employees, records, and information. One of the most critical functions of a civil grand jury is to review the operations of local government officers, departments, and agencies; and

WHEREAS, **Civil Grand Juries** are entrusted with the responsibility of investigating and reporting on local governmental operations, ensuring that such responsibilities are fulfilled legally, efficiently, honestly, and in the best interest of the public. Civil grand juries serve as independent watchdog authorities, separate from the entities and officials they investigate; and

WHEREAS, the diligent fact-finding efforts of **Civil Grand Juries** result in reports containing specific recommendations aimed at identifying governmental issues and suggesting ways to improve operations and responsiveness; and

WHEREAS, the hard work and commitment of **Civil Grand Juries** have a significant and positive impact on our communities, contributing to making California a better place to live; and

WHEREAS, the reward of serving as a **Civil Grand Juror** lies in the satisfaction of collaborating with fellow residents and community members to improve local government for all; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to recognize the efforts of the jurors, both past and present, who have volunteered their time and service to the County of Monterey **Civil Grand Jury**.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all the County and its residents thereof, hereby proclaim March 2026 as **Civil Grand Jury Awareness Month** in the County of Monterey and encourages all residents to recognize and appreciate the valuable contributions of civil grand jurors in promoting transparency, accountability, and excellence in local government.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of ____, 2026, 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 _____, 2026.

Dated:

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

By _____
Deputy