

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

**Resolution No.:**

Adopt a resolution recognizing the **250th anniversary of the Juan Bautista de Anza colonizing expedition of 1775-1776** and the collaborative Auto Tour signage replacement project between the National Park Service and the County of Monterey.

**WHEREAS**, in 1775 through 1776, Juan Bautista de Anza led an expedition of some 240 men, women, and children on an epic journey from present-day Nogales, Arizona, to the San Francisco Bay Area to establish the first non-Native settlement there; and

**WHEREAS**, this expedition passed through what is now Monterey County, including a significant extended stay at the Presidio of Monterey, then the northernmost outpost of Alta California; and

**WHEREAS**, the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail today spans 1,200 miles, linking history, culture, and recreation across the southwestern United States and California, serving as an enduring tribute to the people, places, and histories shaped by this expedition; and

**WHEREAS**, the Auto Tour Route and signage along the trail allow motorists to experience the historic and scenic vistas encountered by the Anza Expedition, enhancing public access to these cultural landmarks across cities and travel corridors; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of the **250th anniversary of the Anza Expedition**, the National Park Service is partnering with land managers and counties, including the County of Monterey, to replace and update Auto Tour signage to ensure greater visibility, clarity, and historical context for visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, the updated Auto Tour signage in Monterey County includes the replacement of fourteen official Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail signs, eleven in District Three, one in District Five, and two in District Two, to better support public engagement with the trail; and

**WHEREAS**, this effort includes an official Sign Management Plan and a Letter of Intent signed by both the National Park Service and the County of Monterey to outline the design specifications and locations for these signs; and

**WHEREAS**, the 250th anniversary commemoration of the Anza Expedition offers an important opportunity to honor Hispanic, Latine, and Afro-Latine heritage, recognize the impacts of colonial expansion on Indigenous peoples, and promote understanding of the complex historical narratives that have shaped our region; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Monterey is proud to serve as a steward of this historic trail and is committed to preserving and promoting inclusive history through this partnership.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes the **250th anniversary of the Juan Bautista de Anza colonizing expedition** of 1775-1776 and expresses its sincere appreciation to the National Park Service for their collaboration on the Auto Tour signage replacement project; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors affirms its continued commitment to public education, historic preservation, and equitable storytelling through its support of the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail.

**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