

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

**Resolution No.:**

Adopt a resolution proclaiming **May 2026** as “**Older Americans Month**” in Monterey County

**WHEREAS**, The Older Americans Act, also known as the “Act”, was signed into law in 1965. It is recognized as the first federal initiative designed to provide comprehensive services for older adults. Subsequent reauthorizations have expanded and strengthened the scope and impact of the Act; and

**WHEREAS**, The Act serves as a vital vehicle for organizing, delivering and expanding social, nutritional, and essential services for older adults, individuals with disabilities, and their caregivers through the Area Agency on Aging and its network of service providers; and

**WHEREAS**, Despite increasing demand for services, aging and disability service networks continue to face challenges, including the absence of additional funding through the Act to support these services as costs continue to rise, impacting those who rely on essential services and supports; and

**WHEREAS**, AARP recognizes the County of Monterey as an official member of its “National Network of Age Friendly States and Communities,” supported by the Local Aging and Disability Action Plan, which aligns with the State of California’s “Master Plan for Aging,” a bold blueprint for all aging Californians; and

**WHEREAS**, The Area Agency on Aging and the Aging and Disability Resource Connection, together with community partners, have been diligently conducting outreach to older adults, individuals with disabilities, and caregivers to provide resources and information about healthy aging and to empower them in shaping their future; and

**WHEREAS**, The County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, also known as the “Board,” recognizes the 2026 **Older Americans Month** theme aligns with the Board’s Strategic Plan Goal: Well-Being and Quality of Life, which promotes safe and healthy communities and programs that support the health, independence, and well-being of older adults, individuals with disabilities, and caregivers through coordinated efforts across Monterey County; and

**WHEREAS**, Our older adults in our communities have demonstrated resilience and wisdom through decades of experience and continue to serve as mentors, advocates, and contributors who promote healthy aging, intergenerational learning, and community well-being, embodying the theme “*Champion Your Health*” by encouraging prevention, wellness, and personal responsibility in healthy aging, encouraging older adults to take an active role in their health by advocating for themselves, accessing preventive care, and making informed decisions that support their independence.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all the residents thereof, hereby joins the Area Agency on Aging and its Advisory Council in recognizing

the month of **May 2026** as “**Older Americans Month**” in **Monterey County** and encourages every resident to take the time to celebrate our older adults and those who serve them as vital members of our Monterey County communities.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this \_\_ day of May 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 \_\_\_\_\_