

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

Resolution No.:

Adopt a resolution proclaiming **March** as **Disabilities Awareness Month**.

WHEREAS, the State of California has designated **March** as a time to recognize people with disabilities, including individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), and to highlight their contributions as valued members of our communities; and

WHEREAS, **Disabilities Awareness Month** provides an opportunity to increase public understanding, challenge misconceptions, celebrate achievements, and promote disability inclusion across County departments, community organizations, businesses, and educational institutions; and

WHEREAS, recognizing **Disabilities Awareness Month** affirms the County's ongoing commitment to fostering a community where all residents—regardless of ability—are respected, valued, and empowered to thrive; and

WHEREAS, individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities live, work, volunteer, and participate fully in civic and community life throughout the County of Monterey; and

WHEREAS, Monterey County is supported by a network of dedicated public agencies, nonprofit organizations, advocates, and families — including San Andreas Regional Center and community-based providers — working collaboratively to ensure individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities have access to services, opportunity, and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, Gateway Center of Monterey County stands as a leading community-based provider and a cornerstone institution serving adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, advancing inclusion, independence, and meaningful participation throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, Monterey County remains committed to advancing equity, dignity, independence, and full inclusion for individuals with disabilities through compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and other applicable laws and best practices.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors on behalf of all the County and its residents, thereof, hereby proclaims **March** as **Disabilities Awareness Month** and recognizes the vital contributions of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and the organizations that support them, including Gateway Center of Monterey County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this ___ day of ___ 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 _____
Deputy