WHEREAS, California Day of the Teacher is celebrated on the second Wednesday of May and modeled after the traditional El Día del Maestro festivities observed in Mexico and other Latin American countries; and

WHEREAS, honoring all individuals that give the gift of knowledge through teaching and serving in this noble profession, California Day of the Teacher recognizes educators as a fundamental part of a thriving community, inspiring and motivating students to pursue their dreams, become lifelong learners, and succeed in their future endeavors; and

WHEREAS, with courage, collaboration, and commitment, Monterey County teachers are performing critical work through ever-changing and innovative ways to meet the educational and social-emotional needs of students, and transform school environments into positive, inclusive, and rewarding ways that help students develop social skills, emotional intelligence, and a sense of community; and

WHEREAS, California Day of the Teacher pays tribute to the tireless efforts of outstanding educators who are navigating shifting landscapes, creating high-quality educational opportunities, maintaining students’ attention, adopting new technology and tools, addressing inequities, and creating a safe and supportive learning environment for all students; and

WHEREAS, utilizing various assessment methods to evaluate student performance and meet their unique learning needs, teachers inspire and motivate students to learn, explore, think outside the box, and achieve their full potential; and

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Board of Education is incredibly proud of the exemplary teachers who serve our students throughout Monterey County, providing inspiration and guidance and reaching out to parents, families, and their communities to strengthen the learning experience and provide support, direction, and encouragement; and

WHEREAS, the success of over 68,000 students in Monterey County depends on the skill, knowledge, positive influence, and encouragement of dedicated teachers who work collaboratively with superintendents, administrators, school board members, colleagues, parents, families, and others in support of quality educational opportunities for all students; and

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Board of Education urges school administrators, parents, students, and the community to show their support and gratitude to Monterey County teachers who work to develop and mold young minds:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monterey County Board of Education hereby adopts Resolution Number 22-23-40 to recognize California Day of the Teacher on May 10, 2023, and honor the numerous contributions and nurturing guidance our Monterey County teachers provide to students.