



**RESOLUTION NO. 22:83
COMMEMORATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF
MONTEREY PENINSULA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, 75 years ago, in September of 1947, Monterey Peninsula College (MPC) commenced its operation on the campus of Monterey High School; and

WHEREAS, by September of 1948, MPC enrolled 280 students and employed 20 faculty members, and began holding classes on the Monterey campus at 980 Fremont Street; and

WHEREAS, MPC's need to accommodate its growing student population became evident by 1957 when its enrollment approached 1,000 students, which led to the construction of its engineering building in 1958, the library in 1960, and the Art and Music Center and swimming pool in 1962; and

WHEREAS, MPC continued its expansion in 1965, when new buildings for business, humanities, life sciences, physical education, physical sciences, and social sciences were constructed, as were the Lecture Forum, the College Theater, and the Student Center; and

WHEREAS, from 1971 to 1993, in cooperation with the U.S. Army, MPC operated an education center at Fort Ord, the former U.S. military base located in Northern Monterey County until its closure in 1994, benefiting the communities in the north side of MPC's service area, including armed forces personnel and their families; and

WHEREAS, in 1982-83, MPC and Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula entered into a partnership from which the Maurine Church Coburn School of Nursing was born, resulting in a generation of nurses who have cared for and taken care of countless members of MPC's surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, MPC continued to strive to meet the educational needs of its surrounding communities with the construction of its Library and Technology Center in 2003 and the Child Development Center in 2007, the development of the Public Safety Training Center in 2009; and the construction of the Education Center at Marina in 2010; and

WHEREAS, MPC has hosted notable figures throughout its history, including James Baldwin, Joan Baez, William F. Buckley, Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas, Aldous Huxley, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Dr. Margaret Mead, Joyce Carol Oates, Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, Rosa Parks, Ronald Reagan, Eleanor Roosevelt, Pierre Salinger, Carl Sandburg, and Carlos Santana; and

WHEREAS, since its humble beginnings in 1947, MPC has established itself as essential to the educational and cultural development of the Monterey Peninsula and has improved the lives of innumerable students, and by extension their families and its communities; and



WHEREAS, as MPC approaches its 75th year, it now offers exceptional educational opportunities at its campus in Monterey, its Education Center at Marina, its Public Safety Training Center in Seaside, its partner high schools, and online, as well as comprehensive supportive resources and specialized programs dedicated to ensuring its students have the tools they need to succeed; and

WHEREAS, MPC will celebrate its 75th anniversary throughout the 2022-23 Academic Year to commemorate this important milestone and to increase awareness of MPC's positive impact on its surrounding communities and the wealth of educational, professional, and personal enrichment opportunities it has to offer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of Trustees for Monterey Peninsula Community College District recognizes and commends Monterey Peninsula College on the eve of this special occasion, for its steadfast, 75 year-long commitment to transforming lives through education.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of Trustees of Monterey Peninsula Community College District this 27th day of July 2022, by the following vote:

Ayes: Anderson, Anthony, Downey, Green, Steck

Noes: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: None

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