



## Resolution

### Proclaiming January 23, 2023 “Ed Roberts Day” in Ventura County

WHEREAS, Ed Roberts was known as the “Father of the Independent Living Movement”; and

WHEREAS, the Independent Living Philosophy, centered around integration and inclusion of individuals with disabilities stemmed from the innovation and lived experience of Mr. Roberts and a small circle of disability advocates; and

WHEREAS, Ed Roberts’ life’s work was his activism for disability rights to achieve the same civil rights and control over choices as those without disabilities and thanks to him, the supports for individuals with disabilities has advanced considerably in the past few decades; and

WHEREAS, the County of Ventura recognizes and celebrates the significant contributions of Ed Roberts and the importance of the Independent Living Philosophy both culturally to include individuals with disabilities in our community, and functionally in the provision of services to our residents striving for increased independence and a barrier-free environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, as Ed Roberts Day.

Presented on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023

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Chair of the Board of Supervisors  
Matt LaVere, Supervisor 1st District

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Jeff Gorrell, Supervisor 2<sup>nd</sup> District

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Kelly Long, Supervisor 3<sup>rd</sup> District

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Vianzy Lopez, Supervisor 5th District