RESOLUTION NO. 24-8



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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION HONORING COMMUNITY TRAIL ORGANIZATIONS FOR PROVIDING EMERGENCY REPAIRS AND ONGOING MAINTENANCE OF FRONT COUNTRY TRAILS

WHEREAS, the Santa Ynez Mountain Front County Trail System provides a recreation resource of countywide importance essential to the public health and welfare, and these trails were severely damaged during the severe winter of 2022-2023, which required extensive reconstruction and ongoing maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the community trail organizations performed extraordinary efforts to repair severe damage to the Front County Trail System by funding hundreds of thousands of dollars for trail repairs and organizing volunteer efforts for major trail reconstruction projects and ongoing trail maintenance; and

WHEREAS, these community trail organizations play an essential role in partnering with government agencies to plan, design, construct, and maintain trails in the Santa Ynez Mountains; and

WHEREAS, these community trail organizations led required emergency trail repairs and significant reconstruction of the Front Country Trail system from winter storms and previous natural disasters at a challenging time when government agencies needed to address widespread community damage; and

WHEREAS, these community trail organizations are essential partners to the County and other government agencies in continuing to provide outdoor recreation opportunities for the public; and

WHEREAS, the community trail organizations provide these essential public recreational services to the County and other agencies at limited public expense, greatly benefitting the community by providing high-quality free outdoor recreational activities!

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County does hereby honor the trail supporting organizations and individuals acknowledged in the <u>TRAILS</u> section of the County of Santa Barbara website for their significant contributions to the recreational opportunities available to residents of the County and visitors.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 23rd of January, 2024, by a unanimous vote of all members present.

