



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
MARCH 31, 2022 AS
TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY
IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, March 31st marks International Transgender Day of Visibility, a day to celebrate and lift up the voices and contributions of our transgender community, while raising awareness of the work that still needs to be done to address anti-transgender violence and achieve lived equality; and

WHEREAS, Transgender people identify with a different gender than their sex assigned at birth; and Trans and transgender are inclusive terms that embrace transgender men and women, as well as gender nonbinary, gender non-conforming, agender, and genderfluid people; and

WHEREAS, in spite of progress advancing civil rights for LGBTQ+ Americans, transgender people continue to face discrimination, harassment, and violence at rates much higher than cisgender community members, disproportionately affecting transgender women of color; and

WHEREAS, the idea for the Santa Barbara Transgender Advocacy Network (SBTAN) was sparked in 2014 by three families interested in forming a support group specifically for families of trans youth in Santa Barbara; now, SBTAN educates individuals and organizations on best practices for transgender & gender expansive clients, patients, students, congregants and families; and

WHEREAS, SBTAN operates Lisa's Place, the only dedicated community center in Santa Barbara for our transgender, non-binary, and gender-nonconforming communities, as well as our families, friends, and allies; and SBTAN hosted Santa Barbara County's first ever recognized celebration of Transgender Day of Visibility in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County has many organizations that provide services to the LGBTQ+ community, including: SBTAN, Pacific Pride Foundation, House of Pride and Equality, UCSB Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity, PFLAG Santa Barbara, Great Outdoors, Prime Timers of the Central Coast, Just Communities, Fighting Back Santa Maria, Healing Justice Santa Barbara, and Planned Parenthood California Central Coast.

NOW AND THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors celebrates and proclaims March 31, 2022 as Transgender Day of Visibility in Santa Barbra County and with this proclamation affirms commitment to support our gender expansive community.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California on this 15th day of March, 2022.



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ATTEST: *Monroe Reyes*

Clerk of the Board