

# Santa Barbara County of

## RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MARCH 22-28, 2026, AS TSUNAMI PREPAREDNESS WEEK

**WHEREAS**, Santa Barbara County has 110 miles of pristine coastline that attracts residents and visitors throughout the year and are susceptible to a tsunami; and

**WHEREAS**, a tsunami is a series of potentially damaging and fatal ocean waves caused by a large displacement of water from seismic activity. People in tsunami hazard areas should pay special attention to tsunami signage and be aware of the warning signs including a strong earthquake, the ocean withdrawing or rising rapidly, or a loud, roaring sound coming from the sea; and

**WHEREAS**, there are three levels of notification that people must know. **Tsunami Watch** indicates a tsunami may later impact the area. **Tsunami Advisory** indicates a tsunami with the potential to generate strong currents or waves is imminent, expected, or occurring. **Tsunami Warning** indicates a tsunami with the potential to generate widespread inundation is imminent, expected, or occurring and evacuations of identified tsunami inundation areas will be required; and

**WHEREAS**, if conditions indicate a tsunami threat exists, the public must immediately act by calmly moving inland to high ground. Stay away from the coast including beach cliffs and low-lying areas until officials say it's safe to return; and

**WHEREAS**, the public can access an interactive tsunami inundation map, obtain reliable incident information, and register to receive local emergency alerts at ReadySBC.org;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara does hereby acknowledge March 22-28, 2026, as Tsunami Preparedness Week

**PASSED AND ADOPTED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 10 day of March, 2026 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



*Maria Nizamat*  
ATTEST: Clerk of the Board

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