

# Santa Barbara County of

RESOLUTION NO. 26-106

## RESOLUTION COMMENDING UNITED WAY OF SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FOR ADMINISTERING THE EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

*WHEREAS, the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) was established by Congress in response to the unprecedented economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, providing critical financial assistance to help low-income families remain safely housed; and*

*WHEREAS, stable housing is foundational to the health, safety, and well-being of families, and was especially vital during the public health and economic crises brought on by the pandemic; and*

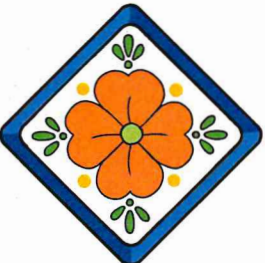
*WHEREAS, United Way of Santa Barbara County played an essential and trusted role in administering ERAP funds locally, ensuring that assistance was delivered efficiently and with compassion to those most in need; and*

*WHEREAS, through this partnership, nearly 5,000 low-income households across Santa Barbara County received direct financial assistance, with an average of \$10,000 per household, helping residents remain housed and avoid displacement; and*

*WHEREAS, the success of the program reflects the power of strong community partnerships and the dedication of organizations like United Way to serving vulnerable populations with dignity and care.*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that this Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara does hereby commend and thank United Way for its leadership and unwavering commitment to helping thousands of families remain safely housed and in strengthening the resilience of the Santa Barbara County community.

**PASSED and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026.**



*Maria Iniguez*  
ATTEST: Clerk of the Board

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