



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS
PREPAREDNESS MONTH
IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has designated September as National Preparedness Month as part of America's PrepareAthon! and recognizing September 30th, 2015, as National PrepareAthon Day.

WHEREAS, America's PrepareAthon! is an opportunity for individuals, organizations, and communities to prepare for specific hazards through drills, group discussions, and exercises; and

WHEREAS, the event helps residents to take steps towards personal preparedness and ensures that families, workplaces, schools, early childhood learning institutions, houses of worship, and community organizations are able to increase their ability to survive a disaster and reduce economic devastation following a major crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Office of Emergency Management in conjunction with other federal, state, local, private, and volunteer agencies are working to increase public activities in preparing for emergencies and to encourage individuals to take action; and

WHEREAS, emergency preparedness is the responsibility of every citizen of the County of Santa Barbara and all citizens are urged to make preparedness a priority and work together to ensure that individuals, families, and communities are prepared for disasters and emergencies of any type; and

WHEREAS, all citizens and businesses of County of Santa Barbara are encouraged to participate in preparedness activities and asked to visit www.sbcoem.org and click on America's PrepareAthon! to register and become more prepared; and

WHEREAS, participating in Ready County of Santa Barbara's PrepareAthon! will ensure that the greater Santa Barbara County community becomes a national leader in whole-community preparedness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED, that this Board of Supervisors declares September as Preparedness Month in Santa Barbara County and encourages all citizens to commit to participating in preparedness activities and registered for America's PrepareAthon.

PASSED AND ADOPTED By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, on this 22nd day of September, 2015, by a unanimous vote of all the members present.



ATTEST:

Sharon Reynolds
Clerk of the Board

LIO Cliff
Supervisor - 1st District

Janet Wolf
Supervisor - 2nd District

Robert Kane
Supervisor - 3rd District

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Supervisor - 4th District

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