

COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER AS ENERGY AWARENESS MONTH IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Energy has designated October as National Energy Awareness Month to underscore how central energy is to our national prosperity, security, and environmental well-being; and

WHEREAS, reliable and affordable energy is critical to Santa Barbara County's prosperity, health and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the production and consumption of energy affects our everyday activities and natural resources while offering employment and economic opportunities that contribute to a sustainable community; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County has a long tradition of environmental stewardship and has implemented many programs that promote responsible and efficient energy use within County government and among its citizens, including emPower Central Coast, Smart Build Santa Barbara (SB2), the Green Business Program, landfill gas collection and conversion, fuel efficient and electric vehicles and infrastructure, and County facility energy management and renewable energy installations; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County has made clean energy a high priority policy issue in recent years and has committed to efforts that support statewide goals to reduce the impact of traditional energy production and consumption on climate change, including the adoption of an Energy and Climate Action Plan aimed at lowering greenhouse gas emissions 15% below baseline by the year 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors proclaims October as **ENERGY AWARENESS MONTH** in Santa Barbara County and encourages all citizens to commit to improving energy efficiency and conservation efforts in their homes, schools, businesses and communities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 3rd of October, 2017, by the unanimous vote of all members present.

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