



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS DAY WITH INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GREAT CALIFORNIA SHAKEOUT AND WORK TOWARD BECOMING A SAFER COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara recognizes that no community is immune from natural hazards and recognizes the importance of reducing the human suffering, property damage, interruption of public services, and economic losses caused by those hazards; and

WHEREAS, an earthquake is a sudden jolt of ground shaking that occurs when the earth's tectonic plates shift or slip naturally, due to volcanic or magmatic activity, or because of some other sudden change. People living, visiting, or working in the County of Santa Barbara must be aware of the ongoing and deadly hazards associated with earthquakes; and

WHEREAS, earthquakes will occur with minimal advanced warning. The public must be prepared to take action and avoid earthquake-caused injuries. If you believe an earthquake is imminent or in progress, you should **DROP, COVER and HOLD ON** - Safely stop what you are doing, calmly get on your hands and knees, quickly protect yourself under a sturdy object, and hold that object over you until shaking completely stops; and

WHEREAS, all Santa Barbara County residents and guests are advised to practice how to safely drop, cover, and hold on during this year's **Great California Shakeout** exercise, and visit www.ShakeOut.org to learn more about what to do during an earthquake. By participating in the **Great California ShakeOut**, Santa Barbara County will join all Californians in strengthening earthquake resiliency. The public should also improve their emergency preparedness by making emergency kits and registering for emergency alerts at www.ReadySBC.org; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim the day of October 15, 2020 as Earthquake Preparedness Day and approves participating in the Great California Shakeout.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 13th day of October 2020, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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