

UNTY OF SANTA BARBAR

RESOLUTION CELEBRATING WORLD HABITAT DAY 2023

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WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity is an international organization that has built and repaired homes all over the world: and

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity of Southern Santa Barbara County, or Habitat Santa Barbara, is a local affiliate organization, founded in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Habitat Santa Barbara delivers their mission to build homes, communities, and hope in partnership with individuals and families in need of a place to call home throughout South Santa Barbara County; and

WHEREAS, Habitat Santa Barbara believes that a safe and decent home is a human right; and

WHEREAS, Habitat Santa Barbara produces, preserves, and protects local housing by building new homes, repairing existing homes, and advocating for affordable housing at the local, state, and national levels; and

WHEREAS, Habitat Santa Barbara has built four different new construction housing builds, including 22 homes housing 84 people, 50% of whom are children, and has repaired more than 200 homes for low-income individuals and families, including seniors, those living with a disability, and veterans; and

WHEREAS, Habitat Santa Barbara believes that homeownership is a path to stability and self-sufficiency for lowincome families, and having a stable and predictable housing payment creates opportunities for children and families for educational growth, and improved mental and physical health; and

WHEREAS, Habitat Santa Barbara and Santa Barbara County have partnered since inception to work together to achieve home repair outcomes for County individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, World Habitat Day was observed worldwide on October 2, 2023, kicking off World Habitat Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors celebrates World Habitat Month, and commends Habitat Santa Barbara for their work to ensure that every family, individual, and child in Southern Santa Barbara County has a safe and decent home in which to live. Further, the Board of Supervisors congratulates them on their plans to build their fifth affordable housing development, the Cota Street Affordable Homes, and looks forward to celebrating with them when six families can achieve the life-changing power of homeownership. Lastly, the Board of Supervisors thanks them working to end substandard housing conditions, and looks forward to continued partnership.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by this Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 17th day of October 2023 by a unanimous vote of all members present.

Supervisor - 4th District of the Board