



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FEBRUARY 9TH AS "JOHN BOWLIN DAY" IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

- WHEREAS,** John "JB" Bowlin is a valued community leader in the Santa Barbara region, who was once described by The Santa Barbara Independent as a "tireless advocate"; and
- WHEREAS,** John Bowlin has dedicated his life to helping Santa Barbara's most vulnerable, becoming synonymous with the work of both Casa Esperanza and PATH (People Assisting The Homeless); and
- WHEREAS,** John Bowlin spearheads efforts at PATH to assemble materials welcoming formerly housed Santa Barbarans home, and ensure that all participants share in the joy of the holiday season; and
- WHEREAS,** through the foresight and persistence of John Bowlin, a food pantry and the PATH Cooks program was established at PATH, which continue to feed and support participants in need; and
- WHEREAS,** all PATH Santa Barbara volunteers are greeted by a warm smile from John Bowlin, who is responsible for developing and leading the volunteer program, which has encompassed tens of thousands of individuals, many of whom have gone on to become staff, supporters and donors; and
- WHEREAS,** the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic were frightening and jarring to most, yet John Bowlin was resolute in protecting the most vulnerable during this difficult time, impressively adapting to meet the moment; and
- WHEREAS,** the vision and persistence of John Bowlin has led to the establishment of an ongoing, annual PATH fundraiser, once called the Making It Home Tour, and now dubbed Toast to Home, which enables them to continue their life-saving services to the Santa Barbara community; and
- WHEREAS,** John Bowlin has been instrumental in the regional efforts to end homelessness, and will be sorely missed as he transitions into his new life on the East Coast; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors declares February 9, 2023, to be "John Bowlin Day" in the County of Santa Barbara.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 7th day of February, 2023 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



Monique [Signature]
Clerk of the Board

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Supervisor - 1st District

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