



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CRITICAL WORK OF THE 805 UNDOCUFUND

WHEREAS, the 805 UndocuFund was started in 2018 to address the growing devastation of wildfires in California that destroyed and evacuated homes and workplaces, created hazardous air quality conditions, closed schools, severed freeways, and led to economic impacts such as housing shortages, wage and job losses, evacuation, childcare expenses and other costs for many across the region; and

WHEREAS, these disasters especially adversely impacted many immigrant families and immigrant essential workers without access to federal and state safety net relief programs; and

WHEREAS, unlike other natural disaster victims, undocumented immigrants do not qualify for assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), unemployment benefits and many public safety net programs; and

WHEREAS, approximately 93,000 undocumented immigrants live and work in Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties; and

WHEREAS, so many essential and hazardous jobs are admirably performed by immigrants including cleaning public spaces, workplaces, and hotel rooms; cooking restaurant meals; providing child and elder care; and in agriculture harvesting the food that is the backbone of our regional economy and global food system; and

WHEREAS, the 805 UndocuFund formed as a collective effort among Ventura and Santa Barbara County-based grassroots community organizations that are known and trusted by many undocumented residents including: Mixteco/Indigenous Community Organizing Project (MICOP), the Central Coast Alliance United for a Sustainable Economy (CAUSE), and Future Leaders of America (FLA) with leadership support provided by the McCune Foundation to address the needs of our undocumented neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the 805 UndocuFund ensures that undocumented individuals and families impacted by disasters have the support and resources necessary to recover and rebuild their lives; and

WHEREAS, the 805 UndocuFund assists local individuals and families who have lost their homes, wages, and/or employment due to disasters with expenses including but not limited to temporary housing, rent, groceries, childcare expenses due to disaster related school closures, medical expenses, tools and equipment required for essential work, school supplies, repair of essential vehicles, legal document replacement and funeral and burial expenses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors recognizes the important role that the 805 UndocuFund has in supporting the economic and financial needs of some of our most vulnerable county residents in times of disaster..

PASSED and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 5th day of May 2020.



ATTEST:

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