



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MARCH 23-27, 2020 AS TSUNAMI PREPAREDNESS WEEK IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, a tsunami is a series of ocean waves caused by a large displacement of water from earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and underwater seismic activity, potentially causing substantial damage and significant loss of life. People living, visiting, or working in a tsunami hazard area must be aware of the warning signs that indicate potential tsunami activity. Warning signs include a strong earthquake, the ocean withdrawing or rising rapidly, or a loud, roaring sound coming from the ocean.

WHEREAS, if conditions indicate a tsunami threat exists, the public must immediately take action by calmly moving inland and to high ground. Tune into local media to stay informed of the situation once in a safe location. Stay away from the coast and low-lying areas, including rivers and creeks, until local government officials say it's safe to return, which may take hours; and

*WHEREAS, there are three levels of notification that people must know; **Tsunami Watch** – A tsunami may later impact the area. **Tsunami Advisory** – A tsunami with the potential to generate strong currents or waves dangerous to those in or very near the water is imminent, expected, or occurring and may continue for several hours. Significant inundation is not expected for areas under an advisory. **Tsunami Warning** – A tsunami with the potential to generate widespread inundation is imminent, expected, or occurring. Dangerous coastal flooding accompanied by powerful currents is possible and may continue for several hours. Evacuations of identified tsunami inundation areas will be required; and*

WHEREAS, the public can access an interactive tsunami inundation map at ReadySBC.org to identify if their property, workplace, and areas of interest are located in the tsunami hazard area. The public is also strongly encouraged to register to receive local emergency alerts at ReadySBC.org; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the week of March 23-27, 2020 as Tsunami Preparedness Week.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 24th day of March 2020, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST:

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