

RESOLUTION NO. 24-197

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 2024  
AS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH IN  
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

*WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month provides an opportunity for local community members to join people across the United States in preparing their homes, businesses, and communities for any emergency; and*

*WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has designated National Preparedness Month as a yearly opportunity to focus on hazards and disasters our community may be susceptible to and how we can stay ready and resilient and*

*WHEREAS, planning now is the best way to improve community recovery from disasters; when individuals take responsibility for preparing their families and their communities, the chance of survival and return to normalcy following a disaster is greatly increased; and*

*WHEREAS, the County Office of Emergency Management and community partners are tasked with promoting and supporting emergency preparedness, educating individuals on local hazards including wildfires, earthquakes, storms, power outages, extreme weather and more; and*

*WHEREAS, the Office of Emergency Management is committed to diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility throughout all aspects of emergency response including public education, preparedness resources, and emergency information; and*

*WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County is home to several community-based preparedness and response teams, comprised of volunteers who have selflessly undergone hours of training to help our communities be more resilient; and*

*WHEREAS, this month, the County Office of Emergency Management urges all residents to plan for disasters by registering or reviewing and updating their contact information at [www.ReadySBC.org](http://www.ReadySBC.org) to receive emergency alerts; and*

*WHEREAS, while we cannot always know when the next disaster or emergency will confront us, we must remain ready; together, we can ensure that we have the information and resources needed to safeguard our communities from a crisis or disaster.*

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the month of September 2024, as National Preparedness Month in Santa Barbara County and calls on all government agencies, private organizations, and the people and businesses of Santa Barbara County to develop their own emergency preparedness plan and work together toward creating a stronger and more resilient community.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 10th day of September 2024, by unanimous vote of all members present.