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## COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

## RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 18, 2023 TAKE A HIKE DAY IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County has an abundance of natural resources and freely accessible parks and open spaces that play a central role in our community's quality of life, health, and economic well-being; and

WHEREAS, hiking is a popular and inexpensive way for people of all ages and abilities to access nature and the enjoyment of trails, parks, and open spaces; and

WHEREAS, hiking provides numerous physical and mental health benefits, including reducing stress, improving cardiovascular health, and strengthening muscles and bones; and

WHEREAS, hiking can help to promote interest in environmental stewardship, conservation, and volunteering to make public lands and hiking trails more accessible and enjoyable for all users; and

WHEREAS, group hikes sponsored by community organizations make it easy for people to get together, socialize, and build relationships with others who share their love of the outdoors; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors initiated the Recreation Master Plan process to provide a roadmap for making strategic and equitable investments to meet the parks and recreation needs of residents and generate economic, social, and environmental benefits for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, Take a Hike Day is a celebration of the benefits of hiking and an opportunity to encourage people to get outside, have fun, and enjoy the trails;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors declares November 18, 2023 as TAKE A HIKE DAY.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023, by unanimous vote of all members present.

Supervisor - Ist District

Supervisor - 2nd District

Supervisor - 3rd District

Supervisor - 4th District

Clerk of the Board

Supervisor - 5th District