COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING
THE IMPORTANCE OF THE U.S. CENSUS**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Census Bureau is required by Article I, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution to conduct an accurate count of the population every 10 years; and

WHEREAS, the data collected by the decennial Census determines the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives, the redistricting of state legislatures, county boards of supervisors and city councils, and local funding for schools, hospitals, public works and other vital programs including Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, the Children's Health Insurance Program, CCDBG (Child Care) and Head Start; and

WHEREAS, a complete and accurate count of California's entire population is essential; the primary and perpetual challenge facing the U.S. Census Bureau is the undercount of certain population groups; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Complete Count Committee is focusing efforts to count all individuals, but especially those experiencing homelessness, senior citizens, college students, immigrants, and children ages 0-5; and

WHEREAS, the decennial Census is a massive undertaking that requires coordination between tribal, city, county and state governments, community-based organizations, education, and many more; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara encourages all County residents to participate in the 2020 Census and is committed to working with its partners and stakeholders in robust outreach and communication that focuses on reaching the hardest-to-count individuals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of the 2020 U.S. Census and supports helping to ensure a complete, fair, and accurate count of all Californians,

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this day 10th of March, 2020, by the unanimous vote of all members present.

Supervisor - 1st District

Supervisor - 2nd District

Supervisor - 3rd District

Supervisor - 4th District

Supervisor - 5th District

ATTEST: _____
Clerk of the Board