

## COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA'S

COMMITMENT TO ADVANCE A VISION FOR CALIFORNIA'S COASTAL FUTURE

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara is home to critical natural resources such as its beautiful beaches, diverse coastal habitats, scenic trails, and wilderness that provide important benefits to the community; and

WHEREAS, the coastal habitats in the County provide important ecosystem benefits and services to our region and beyond, including filtration of runoff pollutants, habitat for fisheries, buffers against wave and storm surge, and carbon sequestration; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the growing and urgent need to begin planning for the potential impacts of climate change-driven sea level rise, the County of Santa Barbara has initiated a multi-year coastal resiliency planning effort to model and map future coastal hazards due to sea level rise, assess vulnerabilities, and identify resilience measures and adaptation strategies that can be taken to prepare Santa Barbara County for the impacts of sea level rise; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara seeks to be a regional leader in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and preparing for the impacts of climate change through its regional jurisdiction over policy areas such as air quality, land use planning, transportation, natural resource preservation, water conservation, and solid waste management; and

WHEREAS, the County of Santa Barbara supports a vision that maintains and enhances California's coastal habitats in the face of sea level rise, other climate-induced challenges, and development to ensure a protected Coast for future generations to enjoy and replete with as much or more habitat and wildlife; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors reaffirms its commitment to the conservation of its coastal natural resources and protection of the California Coast.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2018.

Supervisor - 1st District

Supervisor - 2nd District

Supervisor - 3rd District

Supervisor - 4th District

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Supervisor - 5th District

ATTEST: Man Drego ato Clerk of the Board