



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MARCH 27-31, 2017 AS TSUNAMI PREPAREDNESS WEEK IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

WHEREAS, a tsunami is a series of ocean or sea waves caused by a sudden, large displacement of water most often caused by earthquakes, potentially causing substantial damage and significant loss of life. The Tsunami Warning Centers recommends that people identify their evacuation routes to high ground and prepare a disaster supply kit adequate for all family members and pets; and

WHEREAS, there are three levels of notification that people should be familiar with; **Tsunami Watch** – A tsunami may later impact an 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. Beaches, harbors, and marinas may be closed. **Tsunami Warning** – A tsunami with the potential to generate widespread inundation is imminent, expected, or occurring. Evacuations of coastal areas to protect the public from dangerous coastal flooding is possible.

WHEREAS, warning signs of a tsunami include a strong earthquake, the ocean withdrawing or rising rapidly, a loud, roaring sound coming from the ocean, and tsunami alerts via television, radio, lifeguards, text or Wireless Emergency Alerts, and on NOAA Weather Radio; if you see these warning signs, NOAA advises the public to: keep calm; do NOT delay, immediately move inland and to high ground; once in a safe location, stay there; Stay tuned to NOAA Weather Radio, news broadcasts, or appropriate websites for changes in tsunami notifications; and stay away from the coast and low-lying areas (including rivers and creeks that lead to the ocean) until local officials say it's safe to return;

WHEREAS, the public can sign up for local Santa Barbara County alerts and preparedness information via the website www.AwareandPrepare.org.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim the week of March 27-31, 2017 as Tsunami Preparedness Week.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 21st day of March 2017, by unanimous vote of all members present.



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