



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SANTA BARBARA

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters of the United States was founded in 1920 as a mighty political experiment six months before women won the right to vote after a 72-year struggle; and

WHEREAS, the organization's goal was to help the 20 million women who were granted the right to vote understand and carry out their voting responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara (LWVSB) was established in 1938 as one of hundreds of local chapters that comprise the national organization; and

WHEREAS, LWVSB is committed to "Empowering Voters and Defending Democracy" and envisions a Democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge, and the confidence to participate in elections; and

WHEREAS, the League believes in the power of women in creating a more perfect Democracy; and

WHEREAS, LWVSB responds to state and national issues with calls to action on the expansion of voting rights, efforts to save the environment, immigration reform, reproductive and LGBTQ rights, fair redistricting, and adoption of the Equal Rights Amendment; and

WHEREAS, LWVSB takes policy positions and advocates for issues of local concern after thorough research and consensus. Examples include: open and ethical government, a corrections system with the goal of rehabilitation, increasing affordable housing, programs for those experiencing homelessness, adequately funded health care services, and opposition to offshore oil drilling; and

WHEREAS, LWVSB holds public community forums to both advocate and educate, with recordings available in both English and Spanish; and

WHEREAS, over the past century, the League has consistently been noted for its nonpartisan election information, including sponsorship of candidate forums and information on state and local ballot measures, as well as its commitment to register, educate, and mobilize voters; and

WHEREAS, the League champions government systems that are open, transparent, inclusive, and equitable.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors commends and celebrates The League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara on its 85th birthday and its goal of "making democracy work."

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, this 27th day of June 2023, by unanimous vote of all members present.



ATTEST: Monique [Signature]
Clerk of the Board

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